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ASSOCIATION INTELLIGENCE.

PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL.

AT a meeting of the Council held (by kind permission of the Metropolitan Asylums Board, London, in their Board Room) on Wednesday, January 23rd, 1907, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

Present:

Dr. H. W. LANGLEY BROWNE, LL.D., Chairman of Council, in the Chair.

Dr. HENRY DAVY, President-elect.

Mr. G. C. FRANKLIN, LL.D., Past-President.

Dr. J. A. MACDONALD, Chairman of Representative Meetings.

Dr. H. RADCLIFFE CROCKER, Treasurer.

Dr. JOHN FORD ANDERSON, London.
Mr. H. A. BALLANCE, M.S., Norwich.
Dr. EDGAR G. BARNES, Eye.
Fleet Surgeon E. J. BIDEN, R.N., Southsea (Representative of the Royal Navy Medical Service).
Dr. T. R. BRADSHAW, Liverpool.
Dr. R. COCHRANE BUIST, Dundee.
Dr. W. A. CARLINE, Lincoln.
Mr. ANDREW CLARK, D.Sc., London.
Dr. WM. COLLIER, Oxford
Dr. JAMES CRAIG, Dublin.
Mr. C. F. CUTHBERT, Gloucester.
Mr. E. J. DOMVILLE, Exeter.
Mr. GEORGE EASTES, M.B., London.
Dr. E. LAWRENCE FOX, Plymouth.
Dr. JOHN H. GALTON, Upper Norwood.
Dr. JOSEPH GIUSANI, Cork.
Dr. BRUCE GOFF, Bothwell.
Dr. DAVID GOYDER, Bradford.
Dr. J. GROVES, Carisbrooke.
Dr. JAMES HAMILTON, Glasgow.
Dr. G. E. HASLIP, London.
Sir VICTOR HORSLEY, LL.D., F.R.S., London.
Dr. J. H. HUNTER, South Shields.
Dr. R. MCKENZIE JOHNSTON, Edinburgh.
Colonel C. H. JOUBERT DE LA FERTE, I.M.S., Weybridge (Representative of the Indian Medical Service).
Mr. R. H. KINSEY, Bedford.
Dr. C. G. DRUMMOND MORIER, London (South Australian and West Australian Branches).
Professor J. T. J. MORRISON, M.B., Birmingham.
Dr. T. G. NASMYTH, Cupar, Fife.
Mr. EDMUND OWEN, LL.D., London.
Mr. C. H. W. PARKINSON, Wimborne Minster.
Dr. P. H. PARSONS, London (Victorian Branch).
Dr. FRANK M. POPE, Leicester.
Dr. EDWIN RAYNER, Stockport.
Mr. H. JONES ROBERTS, Penygroes.
Professor ROBERT SAUNDBY, M.D., LL.D., Birmingham.
Dr. ST. CLAIR B. SHADWELL, Walthamstow.
Dr. CECIL E. SHAW, Belfast.
Dr. E. MARKHAM SKERRITT, Clifton, Bristol.
Mr. W. D. SPANTON, Hanley.
Mr. C. R. STRATON, Salisbury.
Mr. J. LYNN THOMAS, C.B., Cardiff.
Dr. G. E. TWYNAM, London (Sydney and New South Wales Branch).
Mr. T. JENNER VERRALL, Brighton.
Dr. NORMAN WALKER, Edinburgh.
Dr. ARTHUR T. WEAR, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
Mr. F. E. A. WEBB, Cambridge.
Dr. SINCLAIR WHITE, Sheffield.
Lieutenant-Colonel E. M. WILSON, C.B., C.M.G., S. Farnborough (Representative of the Army Medical Service).

Minutes.

The minutes of the last meeting (October 24th, 1906) having been printed and circulated were taken as read and signed as correct.

Apologies.

Read letters of apology for non-attendance from Dr. J. Brassey Brierley, Lieutenant-Colonel Drake-Brockman, Professor D. W. Finlay, Dr. C. W. Marriott, Dr. J. Murray, Dr. J. Maxwell Ross, Dr. W. J. Tyson, Dr. Denis Walshe, and Mr. D. J. Williams.

Deaths.

The CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL reported the deaths of Dr. George Bagot Ferguson, of Cheltenham; Mr. R. S. Fowler, of Bath; Dr. Alfred Sheen, of Cardiff; Mr. Thomas Henry Cheatle, of Burford, Oxford; former members of the Council, and the following resolutions of condolence were ordered to be transmitted to the families respectively.

Resolved: That the sincere sympathy of the Council be forwarded to Mrs. Ferguson and her son on the tragic death of George Bagot Ferguson, M.D., M.Ch., F.R.C.S. The Council desires to place on record its deep appreciation of the valuable work done by him on behalf of the Association. Dr. Ferguson filled with distinction the position of President of the Association in 1901, when it met at Cheltenham, and he delivered an address of great ability. He showed the keenest interest in the work of the Association, and his intervention in the discussions in the Council was always welcome on account of his shrewdness and sound common sense. Dr. Ferguson's charming personality will long be remembered by all those who had the privilege and pleasure of working with him.

Resolved: That this Council regrets to learn of the death of Mr. R. S. Fowler of Bath. He was elected to the General Council by the Bath and Bristol Branch as far back as 1859. Mr. Fowler was also Honorary Secretary to the Branch for twenty-three years as well as its first President, and he continued to represent the Branch on the Central Council until 1899.

Resolved: That this Council regrets to learn of the death of Dr. Alfred Sheen of Cardiff, who was elected a member of the General Council in 1875, and continued a Branch representative until 1900. Dr. Sheen acted as Honorary Secretary of the South Wales and Monmouthshire Branch from 1879 to 1900, from which date to 1904 he acted as Honorary Treasurer. When the Association met at Cardiff in 1885 Dr. Sheen acted as Honorary Local Secretary. Dr. Sheen was also a Vice-President of the Surgical Section at the Swansea meeting.

Resolved: That this Council regrets to learn of the death of Mr. Thomas Henry Cheatle of Burford, Oxford, who represented the Oxford Branch on the Central Council from 1900 till 1904.

Sir John Byers.

Moved by the CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL and

Resolved: That the hearty congratulations of the members of Council be extended to Sir John William Byers, M.D., on the honour of Knighthood which he has received at the hands of His Majesty the King.

Special Representative Meeting.

In reference to the following resolution of the Representative Meeting:

That the Charter be referred to the Organization Committee in order that the instructions adopted by this Representative Meeting, after consideration of the amendments before it, may be embodied in the Charter, together with such amendments desired by the Colonial Branches as are consistent therewith, and that the Charter, as revised by the Organization Committee, be published in the SUPPLEMENT, and referred to a Special Representative Meeting,

it was moved by the CHAIRMAN OF REPRESENTATIVE MEETINGS, seconded by Mr. VERRALL, and

Resolved: That the announcement be made that a Special Representative Meeting will be held in May, but that the date of same be left to the discretion of the Chairman of Representative Meetings.

Exeter Programme.

Considered the question of the times of meeting in reference to the following minute of the last meeting:

The Provisional Programme containing the times of meeting for the Exeter meeting was then considered, and upon the motion of Sir Victor Horsley, seconded by the Chairman of Representative Meetings, was postponed until the January meeting of Council.

Moved by the CHAIRMAN OF REPRESENTATIVE MEETINGS, and

Resolved: That the Annual General Meeting be fixed to commence on Friday, July 26th, at 2 p.m., to be followed by the Annual Representative Meeting.

The CHAIRMAN reported that he had received several requests from officers of Sections asking that the Sections might be allowed to meet on the Tuesday morning.

Whereupon it was moved by the PRESIDENT-ELECT, seconded by Dr. FOX,

That the Sections be allowed to meet a day earlier than usual—that is, on the Tuesday morning.

The motion having been put from the Chair was declared to be lost.

Moved by the PRESIDENT-ELECT, seconded by Dr. COLLIER, and

Resolved: That the settlement of the programme be left to the President-elect, the Chairman of the Representative Meetings, and the Chairman of Council.

Journal and Finance Committee Minutes.

Resolved: That the minutes of the Journal and Finance Committee of January 16th, 1907, be received.

Moved by the TREASURER, seconded by the CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL, and

Resolved: That the accounts for the quarter ending December 31st last, amounting to £11,851 18s. 4d., be received and approved, and the Treasurer be empowered to pay those remaining unpaid, amounting to £3,288 14s. 10d.

Moved by the TREASURER, seconded by the CHAIRMAN OF REPRESENTATIVE MEETINGS, and

Resolved: That the extra expenditure incurred by the Special Poor-law Committee be sanctioned.

Resolved: That the recommendation of the Special Poor-law Committee as to the payment of a fee of 30 guineas to Dr. Stewart be approved.

Resolved: That the Medico-Political Committee be authorized to expend a sum not exceeding £20 in pursuance of the objects set out in its minutes regarding the Truck Act.

Resolved: That additional expenditure not exceeding £20 be authorized to the Hospitals Committee in reference to its recommendation as to analysing the Hospital replies.

Resolved: That the Treasurer be authorized to expend a sum not exceeding £10 for the purpose of the Medical Secretary prosecuting certain preliminary inquiries in connexion with the opposition of the Association to King Edward's Hospital Fund Bill.

The Council had before it a memorandum from the General Secretary outlining the probable results of the twelve months' working of the JOURNAL in its improved form, also particulars as to the revenue derived from advertisements under the new scale of charges.

Moved by Dr. COLLIER, seconded by Dr. CRAIG, and

Resolved: That this Council tenders its congratulations to the Editor and Manager on the success attending the changes in the "make up" of the JOURNAL and the increased charges for advertisements.

Premises Committee Minutes.

Resolved: That the minutes of the Premises Committee of December 3rd, 1906, and January 7th, 1907, be received.

Mr. ANDREW CLARK, the Chairman, presented the following report from the Premises Committee:

In connexion with the Premises Committee I do not think it necessary to make any remarks on the minutes, but I should like to say something as to the progress made in regard to the rebuilding on the Strand-Agar Street properties, and why there is still some delay in beginning the work of rebuilding. Ever since the Association acquired 2 and 3, Harvey's Buildings, it has always been our ambition to make these buildings—if possible by the purchase of No. 1—contiguous to the Strand-Agar Street properties. This, however, has not been possible till the eleventh hour, when we succeeded in exchanging No. 3, Harvey's Buildings, for No. 1 with the Civil Service Supply Association.

The latter give up No. 1 on the condition that we allow them a passage-way of 6 ft. 6 in. wide at the back of 1 and 2, Harvey's Buildings, for which they pay the Association a consideration of £700. In the opinion of the Premises Committee, and on the advice of the Architect, the exchange is highly favourable to us, as not only does it make Harvey's Buildings almost Strand property, but the Civil Service Supply Association give an undertaking that they will raise no objection to the Association in regard to any interference the Association may make to the light and air which at present the Civil Service Supply Association enjoy.

The acquirement of 1 and 2 Harvey's Buildings gave the Committee an opportunity which they have long desired of dealing with the property of the Association as a whole. Consequently amended plans have been got out, and these affect the basement, ground, first, and second floors. On the ground and basement by the extension through to Harvey's Buildings it is believed that the conditions of letting will be materially improved, while on the first and second floor the Association will be able to arrange the Library, Committee, and other rooms in a more satisfactory manner for the efficient working of the Association and convenience of members.

In the original undertaking it was considered it might be necessary to expend some £35,000 to £40,000 on the new premises of the Strand-Agar Street site, but the introduction of the Harvey's Buildings into the scheme, though involving additional outlay, will not it is believed exceed that sum.

The plans are well advanced, and it is hoped that actual operations will be commenced in February. Temporary premises have been engaged in Catherine Street, and every endeavour will be made to minimize the inconvenience to members caused by the necessity of living—during the rebuilding—in temporary premises.

ANDREW CLARK, *Chairman.*

Resolved: That the report be received, approved, and entered on the minutes.

Organization Committee Minutes.

Resolved: That the minutes of the Organization Committee of November 6th and December 11th, 1906, and January 8th, 1907, be received.

Resolved: That the Rules submitted by the Sydney and New South Wales Branch be approved.

Moved by Mr. VERRALL, seconded by Professor MORRISON, and

Resolved: That the Council bring before the next Annual Representative Meeting the following alteration of the By-laws, namely:

That the existing By-law 24 be amended to read as follows:

The elective Members of Council shall be elected by voting papers sent to each elector by post. Candidates may be nominated by any Division of a Branch or by such number of Members as the Rules of the Branch may prescribe. Nominations shall be sent, in writing, to the Secretary of the Branch on or before an appointed day, of which not less than fourteen days' notice shall have been given by him in the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL. The names of all candidates so nominated shall be placed in a list, which it shall be the duty of the Secretary to circulate to every Member of the Branch.

In any case in which Branches are grouped for representation on the Council, the above provisions shall be carried

out as though the Branches so grouped formed one Branch, and it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Branch having the largest membership to carry out the requirements of the By-law.

Moved by Mr. VERRALL, seconded by Sir VICTOR HORSLEY, and

Resolved: That the Council approve and in due course take steps to secure the adoption of the following amendment of Article VIII, namely:

Insert in the last line but three, between the words "given" and "previous," the words "one calendar month's," and delete the words "on or before the 1st December in the current year."

Resolved: That the Council approve of the following Divisions of the New Zealand Branch, having such boundaries as may be prescribed by the Branch Council:

Auckland Division.	Nelson Division.
Canterbury Division.	Otago Division.
Hawkes Bay Division.	Wellington Division.

Resolved: That the Council approve the adoption of the model Organization Rules by the Barnsley Division.

Resolved: That the Council approve the following Rule submitted by the Hong Kong and China Branch:

No Member of this Branch shall be eligible to represent this Branch, alone or in conjunction with any Branch with which it may for the time being be grouped for representation on the Council of the Association, until he has been a Resident Member of the Branch for a period of not less than three years, and no Representative so qualified shall continue to represent the Branch or groups of Branches on the Council after he has been absent from the Branch for a period of three years.

Resolved: That the Council approve the modification of the form of application for membership recommended by the Organization Committee.

Resolved: That the Council group the Colonial Branches for representation on the Council for the year 1907-8 in the same manner as for the year 1906-7.

Resolved: That the rules submitted by the St. John, New Brunswick Branch, be approved.

As regards the references to the Charter, and the amendments to the Standing Orders of Council set out in the minutes of the Organization Committee, the Chairman of Council ruled that these references would be received only but not approved.

Hospitals Committee Minutes.

Resolved: That the minutes of the Hospitals Committee of November 15th, 1906, and January 10th, 1907, be received.

Resolved: That Mr. Garrett Horder be appointed a member of the Hospitals Committee to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Dr. Beverley.

Resolved: That the expenditure necessary for making a complete analysis of the replies received from hospitals to the proposals circulated in August, 1906, be authorized.

The Council considered the recommendation of the Hospitals Committee with regard to the King Edward's Hospital Fund Bill, expressed its disapproval of certain features of the Bill, and directed the Chairman of the Representative Meetings, the Chairman of Council, and the Chairman of the Hospitals Committee to make suitable representations upon the subject.

Naval and Military Committee Minutes.

Resolved: That the minutes of the Naval and Military Committee of November 26th, 1906, be received.

Colonial Committee Minutes.

Resolved: That the minutes of the Colonial Committee of December 28th, 1906, be received.

Irish Committee Minutes.

Resolved: That the minutes of the Irish Committee of January 5th, 1907, be received.

Moved by Dr. CRAIG, seconded by Dr. CECIL SHAW, and

Resolved: That the Council approve the Report of the Viceregal Commission on the Irish Poor Law as an able solution of the whole question on broad lines, and the Council approve the establishment of a State Medical Service as being likely to be of incalculable benefit to the sick poor. The Council hope that legislation on these lines may be promoted by the Government with as little delay as possible.

Resolved: That a copy of the foregoing resolution be forwarded to the Prime Minister, the Chief Secretary for Ireland, the Under Secretary for Ireland, the Local Government Board, Ireland, Mr. John Redmond, M.P., and the Right Hon. Walter Long, M.P.

Public Health Committee Minutes.

Resolved: That the minutes of the Public Health Committee of January 8th, 1907, be received.

Science Committee Minutes.

Resolved: That the minutes of the Science Committee of January 8th, 1907, be received.

Moved by Dr. NORMAN WALKER, seconded by Mr. ANDREW CLARK, and

Resolved: That Mr. T. Shirley Hele be elected to the unexpired portion of the vacant Research Scholarship.

Medico-Political Committee Minutes.

Resolved: That the minutes of the Medico-Political Committee of January 9th, 1907, be received.

Resolved: That representations be made to the Government with respect to the abatement of medical practitioners from taxation of motor cars used for purposes of practice.

Resolved: That the Council approves of the instructions of the Medico-Political Committee to the Medical Secretary in regard to the Ebbw Vale dispute in South Wales.

Resolved: That the Council instruct the Medico-Political Committee on behalf of the Association, to support the Certifying Factory Surgeons' Association in urging such amendment to the Factory Acts as may be necessary for the abolition of examinations on workmen, as to fitness for employment elsewhere than at the factory or at the workshop, and for the increase of the fees paid to Factory Surgeons for examinations at the factories, and that in the meantime the support of the Association be accorded to the factory surgeons in demanding an immediate increase of the fees for examinations at their surgeries.

Resolved: That the support of the Association be given to the Public Slaughter-houses Bill.

Resolved: That the action of the Medico-Political Committee be approved in submitting to the Royal Commission on the Feeble-minded evidence on behalf of the Association as to the future composition and powers of the Lunacy Commission, and the statement of evidence submitted.

Resolved: That the support of the Association be given to the Bill prepared by the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children as to the Overlying of Infants Bill, which the Public Health Committee has found to conform to the principles approved by the Council at its last meeting.

Resolved: That the Council approve the collection and submission of evidence on behalf of the Association to the Departmental Committee on the Truck Acts, with respect to the provision under those Acts for medical attendance upon workmen, those Divisions and Branches of the Association which are specially concerned being requested to assist in the collection of such evidence.

Ethical Committee Minutes.

Resolved: That the minutes of the Ethical Committee of January 11th, 1907, be received.

Resolved: That the Council approve the adoption of Rule "Z," with slight modifications, by the Birmingham (Central) Division.

Resolved: That the Council approve the adoption of the Model Rules of Ethical Procedure, the Bradford Rules, and Rule "Z," by the Barnsley Division.

Resolved: That the Council approve the following addition to the Model Rule "Z," namely, that the following paragraph, to be designated (*b*), be added to the Rule, the present Rule becoming paragraph (*a*) thereof.

(*b*) In any case in which the Division shall at the time of, or subsequently to, the adoption of a resolution of the nature contemplated by paragraph (*a*) of this Rule, have also resolved that, in the opinion of the Division, it is desirable that such resolution shall be brought officially to the notice of any specified Division or Branch of the Association, it shall be the duty of the Executive Committee of the Division to

submit to the Central Ethical Committee a statement of this fact and of the reasons for which such notification is desired, and, subject to the approval of the said Ethical Committee, to cause a copy of the said resolution to be transmitted by the Honorary Secretary of the Division to the Honorary Secretary of the Division or Branch so specified.

Resolved: That the Council approve of the adoption of Rule "Z" by the Coventry Division.

The Council then considered and dealt with the case of a member of the Association recommended for expulsion.

Poor-law Committee Minutes.

Resolved: That the minutes of the Poor-law Committee of January 15th, 1907, be received.

Resolved: That the recommendations of the Committee be approved as the basis of evidence respecting the administration of the Poor Law in England and Wales, to be given on behalf of the Association before the Royal Commission on the Poor Law on January 29th, 1907.

Resolved: That the Chairman of Representative Meetings, the Chairman of Council, Dr. Ford Anderson, and the Medical Secretary be appointed witnesses to give evidence on behalf of the Association.

Resolved: That the expenditure incurred in the collection and preparation of evidence be approved, including a fee of 30 guineas to Dr. James Stewart for his services in the preparation of the analysis of evidence.

Election of Candidates.

The election of candidates was then considered, and the fourteen candidates whose names appeared on the circular convening the meeting were declared elected members of the British Medical Association.

DIVISION RETURNS.

In October, 1906, Mr. Parkinson asked how many Divisions replied giving the numbers present, absent, and voting at the elections of Representatives. Further, why these replies were not published according to the Oxford resolution, when the Chairman of Council replied as follows:

That at the Representative Meeting held at Oxford in 1904, the following minute was passed:

That in recording the votes of members of Divisions on matters to be referred to Representative Meetings the following plan should be adopted, namely, the number of voting affirmative present; the number of voting negative present; the number absent.

This minute was embodied in a circular letter forwarded to the Divisions on December 1st, 1904.

On February 15th, 1905, the Medico-Political Committee passed the following recommendation for the consideration of the Council:

That it be recommended that the names and numbers of members attending the meetings of Divisions be not included in the reports of Division meetings published in the JOURNAL.

This resolution was confirmed by the Council, and in consequence no details as to the numbers present at a Division meeting are published in the JOURNAL.

Arising out of the Chairman's reply, Mr. PARKINSON gave notice that he would reopen the matter at the January (1907) Council meeting.

Moved by Mr. PARKINSON, seconded by Mr. GEORGE EASTES, and

Resolved: That the attention of the Divisions be again drawn to the resolution of the Annual Representative Meeting of July, 1904, and they be requested to furnish the information desired therein in forwarding all resolutions on matters referred, as well as elections of Representatives.

Annual Meeting, 1908.

Read letter from Dr. Metcalfe regarding the proposal for the Association to meet at Bradford in 1908.

Resolved: That the General Secretary be instructed to inform Dr. Metcalfe that as the Council is only elected for one year it is precluded from pledging its successors as to where the Annual Meeting for 1908 shall be held. At the same time, the Council trusts that the medical profession of Bradford will see their way to repeat the invitation of July last for the consideration of the Annual Meeting at Exeter.

Royal Sanitary Institute Congress.

Resolved: That the Chairman of the Representative Meetings and the Chairman of the Public Health Committee be appointed delegates to the Conference of the Royal Sanitary Institute to be held in Dublin in June.

Lancashire and Cheshire Branch and Payment of Representatives.

A communication from the Honorary Secretary of the Lancashire and Cheshire Branch regarding the payment of Representatives was referred to the Organization Committee.

Mode of Election of the Council.

A resolution forwarded by the Hon. Secretary of the Cambridge and Huntingdon Branch pointing out that any alteration in the present mode of electing members to the Council of the Association would be seriously detrimental to the interests of all those Branches consisting in the main of smaller towns and rural areas, was referred to the Organization Committee.

Motor Car Taxation.

On considering a resolution from the Yorkshire Branch on the question of motor car taxation, the Chairman of Council reported that the subject of this resolution had been dealt with under the minutes of the Medico-Political Committee.

School Hygiene Congress.

A communication from the Second International Congress on School Hygiene, asking for a grant of money in aid of the expenses of the Congress to be held in London in 1907 was referred to the Journal and Finance Committee.

Reports of Standing Committees.

ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE.

AT the meeting of the Council on January 23rd the Organization Committee reported its proceedings at meetings held on November 6th and December 11th, 1906, and January 8th, 1907.

Meeting, November 6th, 1906.

At the meeting of the Committee on November 6th there were present Mr. T. JENNER VERRALL, in the chair; Dr. J. A. Macdonald (Chairman of Representative Meetings), Mr. H. A. Ballance, Mr. Andrew Clark, Dr. Alfred Cox, Dr. E. D. Kirby, Professor J. T. J. Morrison, Mr. F. E. A. Webb, Professor A. H. White; Mr. Hempson, Solicitor to the Association, also attended to advise the Committee.

Intimations of apologies for absence were received from the President, the Chairman of Council, the Treasurer, Sir Victor Horsley, and Dr. E. Rayner (illness).

ISSUE OF "JOURNAL" TO COLONIES.

In reply to a communication from the Cape of Good Hope (Western Province) Branch, proposing that the JOURNAL should be sent to the South African Branches in bulk, and any saving of expenses thereby effected credited to them, the Committee stated that while previous inquiries on this subject did not indicate the probability of any saving, the suggestions of the Branch would be again carefully investigated.

TOPOGRAPHICAL SYSTEM IN COUNCIL ELECTION.

In reply to a communication from the Dublin Division to the Chairman of Council, referred by him to the Committee, forwarding the resolution of that Division respecting the proposed election of a portion of the Council by the Representative Meeting, the Division was informed that the Committee already had the matter under consideration, both as affecting the revision of the Charter and as affecting the necessity of provision for topographical representation in all cases of election by the Representative Meeting, for which they were preparing a scheme as instructed by the meeting.

VISITS TO DIVISIONS.

The Medical Secretary's report of visits to the Chelsea and Kensington Divisions was approved.

RULES.

Victoria Branch.

Rules submitted by the Victoria and New South Wales Branches were considered, and the latter provisionally approved, subject to the contemplated alterations of Articles being carried out.

BOUNDARIES.

Barnsley.

The Committee, pursuant to standing orders, approved the formation of the new Barnsley Division (Yorkshire Branch), as to which it had evidence of complete local agreement.

New Brunswick.

The formation of a St. John, New Brunswick, Branch was also approved.

New Zealand.

In accordance with representations from the New Zealand Branch, the Committee recommended the Council to approve of the following Divisions of that Branch, each to have such boundaries as the Branch Council should define: Auckland Division, Canterbury Division, Hawkes Bay Division, Nelson Division, Otago Division, and Wellington Division.

Cases Undecided.

After consideration of the proposed formation of new Divisions at Kidderminster and Stourport, and of alterations of boundaries of the Auckland and Wellington Divisions of the New Zealand Branch (as regards the Gisborne district), and of alteration of boundaries of the Mid and South Staffordshire Divisions (Staffordshire Branch) and Birmingham Central Division (Birmingham Branch), these questions were adjourned pending receipt of further information.

ARTICLES AND BY-LAWS.

Election of Members: Residence.

In connexion with a recent case of difficulty as to election of a new member, the Committee considered whether it would be possible to define more precisely the term "residence" as used in By-law 2, and, in view of a report from the Solicitor, decided that it would be impracticable.

Renewed Applications for Membership.

To overcome the difficulty indicated, the possibility was considered of modifying the application form for membership in order that information should be given as to whether a candidate had previously applied, and the Medical Secretary was instructed to prepare a suitable draft.

Resignation of Members.

It was also decided, upon consideration of a communication from the Central Ethical Committee, to recommend that in due course Article VIII should be amended in order to provide an interval after the resignation of a member is tendered before it shall take effect.

An inquiry having been made as to whether the resignation of a member had been valid under the regulations, the matter was considered and postponed pending the receipt of a report from the Solicitor upon the subject.

Election of Chairman of Representative Meetings.

On consideration of the instruction of the Representative Meeting to make provision for the election of the Chairman at the end instead of at the commencement of the Annual Representative Meeting, and pending the decision by Counsel as to whether this would necessitate an alteration of the Articles, the Medical Secretary and Solicitor were instructed to draft a suitable By-law.

Election of Branch Representatives on Council.

Upon consideration of a communication from the Honorary Secretary of the Metropolitan Counties Branch as to the ambiguity of the present By-law 24, relating to the procedure in election of Branch Representatives on the Council, the Committee decided to recommend the Council to propose such an alteration of the By-law as would remove the ambiguity, at the same time improving the drafting in other respects.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEES.

The Committee also resumed consideration of the instruction from the Annual Representative Meeting to report as to some method for securing topographical representation in the election by the Annual Representative Meeting of members of Committee, and approved the following memorandum upon the subject:

APPLICATION OF THE TOPOGRAPHICAL PRINCIPLE IN THE APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES BY THE ANNUAL REPRESENTATIVE MEETING.

MEMORANDUM.

The Annual Representative Meeting, after resolving (Minute 332) that at least half the Members of each Standing Committee should be elected by the Representative Meeting, resolved (Minute 333):

> That it be an instruction to the Organization Committee to make provision whereby means may be afforded for ensuring topographical representation.

Minute 332 was included by the Council under the Referendum, and is for the present inoperative.

Minute 333 was not so included, and therefore stands as an instruction to the Organization Committee.

The two existing Committees to which the principle of topographical representation could be applied in the election of Members by the Representative Meeting are the Medico-Political and the Ethical Committees, of which the Meeting elects six of the former and five of the latter. If, as is contemplated by the resolutions of the Representative Meeting, with respect to the composition of the Council under the Charter, a considerable proportion of the Council should be elected by the Representative Meeting, the application of the principle of topographical representation to that election would doubtless also require consideration.

To ensure topographical representation provisions would be required that not less than a certain fixed proportion of those elected must be Members of Divisions included in certain specified areas, and the first question would be as to the extent to which the subdivision should be carried in specifying those areas. In the United Kingdom it will doubtless be desired that provision should be made, in some cases at least, to ensure the election of Members representative of Scotland and Ireland. It is doubtful whether it would be desired to divide England and Wales into provincial districts, and assign a certain representation to each district. In the case of such small numbers as those for the Medico-Political Committee and Ethical Committee such a subdivision might interfere unduly with the selection of the most suitable individuals.

Assuming for the present that division into three groups, namely, England and Wales, Scotland, and Ireland, would be sufficient, and, taking the Medico-Political Committee as an example, topographical representation might be ensured by a provision that of those elected to serve on the Medico-Political Committee at least one should be a member of a Scottish Division, at least one should be a member of an Irish Division, and at least three members of Divisions in England and Wales. This would allow a certain freedom of election. If it were desired to fix the numbers exactly, the provision would be that there should be four members for England and Wales, one for Scotland, and one for Ireland.

The machinery for ensuring the carrying out of such a principle would be secured by the form of the voting papers, by the directions to voters, and by the directions to those counting the votes. The most convenient course would appear to be by adopting a voting paper somewhat in the appended form, and containing the directions to voters suggested in that form.

In counting the votes, the procedure would differ according to whether fixed representation was assigned to a certain country or a certain elasticity permitted. If there were fixed proportional representation it would simply be necessary to count the required number for each country separately. If it were desired to give a certain freedom of choice to the voter, the most convenient procedure would appear to be to count the votes for each country separately, and take those who receive the highest number of votes until the minimum number for each country had been elected, namely, three for England and Wales, one for Scotland, and one for Ireland, and, as regards the sixth place, to take the remaining can-

didate who had received the greatest number of votes, irrespective of the country to which he belonged.

In considering this matter the Committee may perhaps think it well to take into consideration the question whether some arrangement could be come to in order that the selection of Members of these Committees by the Council should be taken into account in fixing the proportions to be elected by the Representative Meeting.

On the occasion of the first election by the Representative Meeting the appointments made by the Council were known, and in view of the fact that the Council had elected a Scottish Member, the Representative Meeting elected an Irish Member. There have always been one Scottish and one Irish representative on the Medico-Political Committee. The present Scottish representative was elected by the Representative Meeting, and the Irish representative by the Council. Thus, even under the present system, topographical represention has to this extent been obtained in this Committee.

PROPOSED FORM OF VOTING PAPER.

Election of Six Members to serve on the Medico-Political Committee for the Year 1907-8.

The following candidates have been duly nominated and are grouped under the countries to which the Divisions of which they are Members belong. Each voter is entitled to vote by placing a X against the names of not more than six candidates in all, of whom at least three, and not more than four, must be selected from the English and Welsh list, not more than two from the Scottish list, and not more than two from the Irish list. If more than six candidates are voted for in all, or more than the prescribed number in any one list, the vote will be spoiled:

England and Wales.	*Scotland.*	*Ireland.*
Dr. A.	Dr. L.	Dr. R.
Dr. B.	Dr. M.	Dr. S.
etc.	etc.	etc.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES TO COUNCIL.

Upon consideration of an instruction from the Central Council, the Committee approved a preliminary report recommending that in future each Committee should present a report to the quarterly meetings of Council, instead of presenting its minutes as at present; and it was decided to circulate the report to each Committee in order that the recommendation of the several Committees could be included in the report on the matter to the Council.

CHARTER.

Revision of By-laws.

Further progress was made in the revision of the draft By-laws under the proposed Charter pursuant to instructions of the Annual Representative Meeting.

ANNUAL REPORTS OF DIVISIONS TO BRANCHES.

The forms of annual reports of Divisions to Branches were approved, and in reply to the statement of an honorary secretary that the present time for sending in these reports is inconvenient, it was pointed out that the dates are governed by By-law 9, and are so adjusted as to allow six weeks between the reception by a Branch of the reports of their Divisions and the report of the Branch to the Central Council, and six weeks also between the reception by the Central Office of the reports of Branches and the issue of the annual report of the Council. It was also pointed out that these reports are not to be confused with reports of executive committees of Divisions to the Divisions or of Branch Councils to their Branches, the reports last mentioned being those of executive bodies to their constituencies, whereas the reports under By-law 9 are those of the local units of the Association to the general body. The Committee directed that a statement to the same effect be included in the covering letter sent to all Honorary Secretaries with the forms.

Meeting, December 11th, 1906.

At the meeting on December 11th there were present: Mr. T. JENNER VERRALL, in the chair; Dr. J. A. Macdonald (Chairman of Representative Meetings), Mr. H. A. Ballance, Dr. Alfred Cox, Dr. E. D. Kirby, Professor J. T. J. Morrison, Dr. E. Rayner, Mr. F. E. A. Webb, Professor A. H. White. Mr. Hempson, Solicitor to the Association, also attended to advise the Committee.

Intimations of apologies for absence were received from the President, the Chairman of Council, the Treasurer, Sir Victor Horsley, and Mr. Andrew Clark (illness).

VOTING IN REPRESENTATIVE MEETINGS.

In reply to a communication from a member of the Association, referred by the Chairman of Council to the Committee, suggesting that Representatives of grouped Divisions are not entitled under the articles to vote in the Annual Representative Meeting, the Committee expressed the opinion that the term "Representative of Divisions" in the first sentence of By-law 20, to which reference was made, clearly included Representatives of grouped Divisions as well as Representatives of single Divisions.

VISITS TO DIVISIONS.

The Committee approved the Medical Secretary's report of a visit to a meeting of the Ilford Medical Society, at which questions of contract practice and also of the formation of an Ilford Division of the Association were under consideration.

CHARTER.

Consideration of the draft By-laws under the proposed Charter was resumed and completed save as to certain points specially reserved.

RESIGNATION OF A MEMBER.

The report of the Solicitor was received upon the matter considered by the Committee at its previous meeting as to the validity of the resignation of a member, and it was decided to report that in the opinion of the Committee the resignation of the practitioner in question had been accepted, and he had ceased to be a member of the Association.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS OF A CERTAIN BRANCH.

The Committee considered the question raised by an Honorary Secretary of a Division as to the validity of certain proceedings in connexion with the election of officers at the annual general meeting of a Branch, and decided that the inquirer be informed of the opinion of the Solicitor to the effect that the said proceedings were irregular, that the election of the officers in question was therefore invalid, and that circumstances were conceivable in which the official action of such officers might render proceedings of the Branch inoperative and illegal.

Meeting on January 8th, 1907.

At the meeting of the Committee on January 8th there were present Mr. T. JENNER VERRALL, in the chair; Dr. H. Langley Browne (Chairman of Council), Mr. H. A. Ballance, Mr. Andrew Clark, Dr. Alfred Cox, Dr. E. D. Kirby, Professor J. T. J. Morrison, Dr. E. Rayner, Professor A. H. White. Mr. Hempson, Solicitor to the Association, also attended to advise the Committee.

Intimations of apologies for absence were received from the President, the Chairman of Representative Meetings, the Treasurer, Sir Victor Horsley, and Mr. F. E. Apthorpe Webb.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The consideration of communications from the Honorary Secretaries of the Staffordshire and Shropshire Branches as to grouping for representation on the Central Council, and from the Cape of Good Hope, Western Province Branch, in further reference to the proposal that the JOURNAL should be sent to South Africa in bulk, was deferred.

RELATION OF DIVISIONS TO BRANCHES AND ASSOCIATION RESPECTIVELY.

The Committee approved of the correspondence with a member of which the following is an abstract, and ordered that the abstract be filed for the information of future inquirers upon the same matter.

Relation of Divisions to Branches and to the Association respectively.

A member of the Association having asked—Whether Divisions were to be regarded as Divisions of the Branch to which they belonged, or Divisions of the Association, and therefore whether resolutions of Divisions on Association business should be transmitted in all cases through the Branch Secretary or direct to the Central Office?—a reply was sent to the following effect: That Articles IV and V and By-laws 7, 9, 11, and 12 were those which bore chiefly upon the question raised; that having regard to Article IV it appeared clear that a Division was a Division

of the Association, that it was, in the language of the Report of the Constitution Committee, the primary unit of the Association, the Branches being aggregates of Divisions and not the Divisions fractions of Branches.

Under the Regulations certain powers are specifically conferred on Branch Councils, which by By-law 9 are federal bodies chiefly composed of representatives of Divisions. These powers are:

(*a*) The election of Members rests with the Branch Council and not with the Divisions.

(*b*) The Branch Council has complete financial control because it receives the subscriptions from the Treasurer of the Association and pays to the Divisions such sums as it deems proper.

(*c*) It rests with the Branch Council to make Reports to the Central Council in any case in which it is thought that a Member should be expelled. The Division cannot go direct to the Central Council with such a Report.

(*d*) The Ethical Committee has laid down a principle, which has been approved by the Representative Meeting, that if an Ethical case has been investigated and decided by a Division either of the Members concerned has a right of appeal to the Branch, just as in any case of dissatisfaction with the decisions of the Branch either of them would have a right of appeal to the Central Ethical Committee and Central Council.

(*e*) If there is any proposal for altering the boundaries of a Division the Branch Council must have one month's notice in order to enable it to express its opinion on the matter before the change is carried out.

(*f*) Each Division must report once a year to the Branch Council on its membership, proceedings, and financial position.

To all matters other than those specifically provided, as above stated, the language of By-law 11, paragraph (*a*), would appear to apply, namely, that subject to the regulations each Division shall be free to govern itself as it think fit.

VISITS TO DIVISIONS.

The Committee approved the Medical Secretary's reports of visits to the Coventry, Cardiff and the Monmouthshire Divisions; also his proposed attendance at a General Meeting of the Border Counties Branch.

RULES.

Victoria Branch.

Rules submitted by the Victoria Branch were further considered together with the Solicitor's report thereon, and it was decided to inform the Branch that the Rules as submitted presented certain difficulties upon which the Committee desired to confer with the representative of the Branch on the Central Council and any other members who might be in London.

New South Wales Branch; Hong Kong Branch; Barnsley Division.

The Council was recommended to approve Rules of the New South Wales Branch (provisionally approved at the November meeting of the Committee), Rules of the Barnsley Division (Yorkshire Branch), and a Rule submitted by the Hong Kong and China Branch.

Auckland Division.

It was decided to point out to the Auckland Division of the New Zealand Branch that certain of the Rules submitted were in conflict with the regulations of the Association.

CHARTER.

The Committee completed its revision of the draft By-laws under the Charter, and gave instructions that they be referred to Counsel for consideration.

ELECTION OF COUNCIL.

Upon consideration of the question of the mode of election of the Central Council, it was decided to include in the report of the Committee By-laws drafted strictly in accordance with the resolution of the Annual Representative Meeting at Westminster, but to consider at the next meeting alternative suggestions to be submitted for the consideration of the Special Representative Meeting.

SUGGESTED ALTERATIONS OF ARTICLES AND BY-LAWS.

Reference from Annual Representative Meeting.

The Committee considered and prepared its report to the next Annual Representative Meeting upon the following motions from the agenda of the Annual Representative Meeting at Westminster referred to the Committee for consideration and report:

That it be an instruction to the Central Council to alter all Articles and By-laws, so that "the Chairman of a Division" be called "the President of the Division," and the "Executive Committee of a Division" be called "the Division Council." (Wandsworth Division.)

That at least one Registered Dental Surgeon should be added to the Central Council of the Association, either by election or by co-option. (Hampstead Division.)

On the following motion, similarly referred, being considered, it was ordered that a draft report be prepared for consideration at the next meeting:

That in order to accelerate the consideration of, and dealing with, matters of local interest that do not affect the principles or policy of the Association, and so relieve the routine work of the Central Office, it is desirable that there be gradually introduced the principle of District Organizing Medical Secretaries. That it be an instruction to the Central Council to consider the matter, and to report with a scheme to the Divisions by March 31st, 1907.

Alteration of Forms of Application for Membership.

Upon further consideration of the proposed alteration in the Forms of Application for Membership, considered at the November meeting, the Committee recommended the Council to approve a modified form of application making provision for a statement as to whether the candidate had previously applied for membership.

Election of Chairman of Representative Meetings.

The Committee also resumed consideration of the draft By-law as to election of the Chairman of Representative Meetings, and decided to take Counsel's opinion concerning the necessity of specifying the period of the Annual Representative Meeting at which the election of the Chairman should take place.

ORGANIZATION OF CANADIAN BRANCHES.

The Committee received the following report of a conference at Toronto on the organization of the Canadian Branches:

REPORT OF CONFERENCE AT TORONTO ON THE ORGANIZATION OF THE CANADIAN BRANCHES.

A meeting was held at Toronto of members of the Organization Committee and other Representatives of Central Committees in Canada, with Honorary Secretaries of Colonial Branches and other members in Canada specially interested in Colonial organization. The Nova Scotia and Halifax, and Toronto Branches were all represented as well as Winnipeg. There were also present the President of the Canadian Medical Association and the President of the Ontario Medical Association. The chair was taken by the President of the Association—Dr. Reeve. The Medical Secretary explained the origin of the Conference, namely, a resolution of the Council adopted on the recommendation of the Organization Committee, that at the time of the Annual Meeting at Toronto, a conference should be held to consider the organization of the Canadian Branches.

Dr. Rayner, on behalf of the Organization Committee. Sir Victor Horsley, Dr. McPhedran, President of the Canadian Association, Dr. Cameron, President of the Ontario Association, Dr. Hughes of Winnipeg, and others took part in the discussion, which turned particularly to the question of the form of organization most suitable to the requirements of the Canadian profession, and of the relationship of the British Medical Association to the Canadian Medical Association and the various provincial Associations and local medical societies, and of these to one another.

The amalgamation of various local medical societies, either with the Branches of the British Medical Association on the one hand, or with the Canadian Medical Association on the other, appeared to be regarded generally as feasible, and discussion chiefly turned on the question whether the reorganization of the Canadian Medical Association, apart from the British Medical Association, should first be carried through on lines resembling those of the reorganization of the British Medical Association, and some form of affiliation with the British Medical Association could afterwards be

effected, or whether the Branches of the British Medical Association should be maintained throughout as links in the chain of Canadian medical organization.

No resolutions were arrived at; those present as representing the Canadian Branches and other medical societies undertook to bring the matter before their respective societies, and Dr. McPhedran, the President of the Canadian Medical Association, undertook, on behalf of that body, that the suggestion made as to organization of the Canadian Medical Association, and its affiliation with the British Medical Association, should receive careful consideration.

In a subsequent interview of the Medical Secretary with Dr. McPhedran, the following points of procedure and detail were raised:

(1) That under the Charter probably much greater elasticity would be afforded to Colonial Branches in various matters, such as election of Members, alteration of Rules, and levying of local subscriptions.

(2) That in response to an application from the Cape of Good Hope, Western Province, Branch, the Organization Committee had already expressed approval of the general principle of a standing Committee of South African Branches.

(3) The difficulties which occurred to Dr. McPhedran as standing in the way of maintaining the organization of the British Medical Association in Canada throughout the contemplated reorganization of the Canadian Medical Association appeared to have reference largely to the possibility of establishing a Canadian Medical Journal as the property of the Canadian Medical Association or of the Federated Branches of the British Medical Association, as the case might be.

(4) The question of representation of the Canadian Branches in the Central Council and Representative Meetings of the Association was also considered, and the suggestion made that if, as seemed possible, an Annual Representative Meeting of Canadian Branches were organized, this body might elect Representatives for the Central Council on behalf of all the Canadian Branches, and might delegate also Representatives to attend the Annual Representative Meeting of the Association.

The Medical Secretary undertook to report these suggestions to the Organization Committee.

CHARTER AS AFFECTING COLONIAL BRANCHES.

In connexion with the foregoing report and communications received from other Colonial Branches, it was decided to issue a circular letter to Colonial Branches stating that the following points appeared to be those in respect of which it was desirable that special provision should be made in the Charter to give greater freedom to Colonial Branches than they at present enjoyed—

1. The desire for greater freedom in the procedure of election of members.
2. The method of alteration of rules.
3. The levying of compulsory local subscriptions.
4. The provision of some recognized Council or Committee, representative of the Branches in wider areas, as, for example, a Canadian Committee or Council, a South African Committee or Council, and an Australian Committee or Council.
5. Power to apply funds to wider objects than those of the Association itself; for example, the desire of the Cape of Good Hope Branch to be enabled to take up medical defence locally, the statement of objects of the Victorian Branch, which is wider than the definition of objects of the Association;

that the Branches should be asked to consider these points and the provisions which had been considered for meeting them, and that the Colonial Branches be requested to report as to these and any other matters which they considered required attention in the preparation of the Charter at the earliest possible moment in order that their views might receive consideration from the Special Representative Meeting.

GROUPING OF COLONIAL BRANCHES FOR REPRESENTATION ON THE COUNCIL.

The Council was recommended to group the Colonial Branches for 1907-8 in the same manner as for the year 1906-7.

IRISH COMMITTEE.

The Committee considered a communication from the Belfast Division, referred by the Chairman of Council to the Committee, respecting the proposed modification of the By-law relative to the Irish Committee in order to give that Committee power to co-opt members from parts of Ireland which at present are not represented thereon, and directions were given that a draft By-law should be prepared for the consideration of the Committee at its next meeting.

SCIENCE COMMITTEE.

A MEETING of the Science Committee was held at the office of the Association, 429, Strand, W.C., on January 8th, when there were present: Dr. NORMAN WALKER (Chairman) in the chair, Dr. H. Radcliffe Crocker (Treasurer), Colonel David Bruce, C.B., F.R.S., Dr. R. C. Buist, Mr. Andrew Clark, Dr. T. Arthur Helme, Dr. C. J. Martin, F.R.S., Dr. F. M. Pope, Mr. H. Betham Robinson, M.S., Dr. Cecil E. Shaw, Dr. Sinclair White.

Letters of apology for non-attendance from the Chairman of Council, Sir James Barr, M.D., and Professor J. T. J. Morrison were read.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.

Dr. Norman Walker was re-elected Chairman for the ensuing year.

LIBRARY.

The Librarian reported that there had been 1,662 attendances during October, November, and December, 1906, as compared with 1,614 in the corresponding period of 1905. He also presented a list of recent additions to the Library, which included 157 *Thèses de Lyon* for 1905-6 and 68 *Thèses de Paris* for the current session. The Librarian was instructed during the rebuilding of the premises to equip the temporary reading room with these theses, the latest textbooks on various subjects, and the periodicals for the current year.

The Chairman of the Committee, the Treasurer, and Mr. Andrew Clark were appointed a subcommittee to deal with any emergency that might arise in connexion with the Library.

ROYAL COMMISSION ON VIVISECTION.

The CHAIRMAN reported that Sir Victor Horsley, F.R.S., and Dr. James Mackenzie of Burnley had consented to appear as witnesses on behalf of the Association before the Royal Commission on Vivisection.

RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP.

The CHAIRMAN reported that Dr. Herbert E. Roaf had resigned the research scholarship recently held by him in consequence of his appointment to be Assistant Lecturer and Senior Demonstrator of Physiology in the University of Liverpool.

Having considered the applications for the vacancy thus created for the research scholarship, the Committee resolved to recommend the election of Mr. T. Shirley Hele, B.A., B.Sc., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., who proposes to carry out researches in chemical pathology.

INSPECTION OF THE WORK OF SCHOLARS AND GRANTEES.

The CHAIRMAN reported that in accordance with the instructions of the Committee he had asked the following members to report on the work of the research scholars and recipients of grants: Professor Starling, F.R.S., for London; Sir James Barr, M.D., for Liverpool; Dr. T. Arthur Helme, for Manchester; Dr. F. R. Hill, for North of England; Professor Sims Woodhead, for Cambridge; and Dr. James Hamilton, for Scotland.

Reports were received from these gentlemen, and the thanks of the Committee were accorded to them.

IRISH COMMITTEE.

A MEETING of the Irish Committee was held in the Royal College of Physicians, Kildare Street, Dublin, on January 5th, when there were present: Dr. JAMES CRAIG, in the chair; Dr. R. B. Carey (Borris), Dr. J. G. Cooke (Londonderry), Dr. J. S. Darling (Lurgan), Dr. Joseph Kenny (Granard), Dr. P. G. Lee (Cork), Dr. D. J. O'Connor (Cork), Dr. J. Quirke (Piltown), Dr. Cecil Shaw (Belfast) and Professor White (Dublin), Honorary Secretary.

Letters of apology for non-attendance were read from the Chairman of Council, Sir John Byers, and Drs. Giusani and Walshe.

SIR JOHN BYERS.

A resolution offering the heartiest congratulations of the Committee to Sir John Byers on the distinction recently conferred upon him by the King, a distinction which the Committee recognized was richly deserved, was adopted.

MIDWIVES (IRELAND) BILL.

The Committee expressed the opinion that the county council should be the local supervising authority under the proposed Midwives (Ireland) Bill.

PUBLIC HEALTH.

The Chairman and Dr. Darling were asked to draw up before the next meeting the various points which it would be desirable to embody in a Public Health Bill for Ireland.

MEDICAL INSPECTION OF SCHOOL CHILDREN.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

That this Committee, recognizing the urgent need for the periodic inspection of school children in Ireland, request the Local Government Board to arrange for the appointment of inspectors in various districts, and specially in the larger cities, to carry out such inspection.

POOR LAW.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

That the Irish Committee approve the report of the Viceregal Commission on the Irish Poor Law as an able solution of the whole question on broad lines, and the Committee approve the establishment of a State medical service as being likely to be of incalculable benefit to the sick poor. The Committee hope that legislation on these lines may be promoted by the Government with as little delay as possible.

The Committee expressed the opinion that a full meeting of the Poor-law Subcommittee should be held at an early date.

NEXT MEETING.

It was decided to hold the next meeting in Galway on May 4th.

NAVAL AND MILITARY COMMITTEE.

THE Naval and Military Committee reported their proceedings at a meeting on November 26th, 1906, when there were present: Dr. H. LANGLEY BROWNE, Chairman of Council (afterwards Lieutenant-Colonel E. M. WILSON, C.B., C.M.G.) in the chair, Fleet-Surgeon E. J. Biden, R.N., Colonel David Bruce, C.B., F.R.S., Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel Decimus Curme, Surgeon-Colonel G. S. Elliston, V.D., Surgeon-General G. J. H. Evatt, C.B., Colonel C. H. Joubert de la Ferté, I.M.S. (retired).

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN.

Lieutenant-Colonel E. M. Wilson, C.B., C.M.G., was appointed Chairman for the ensuing year.

Intimations of apology for absence were received from the President, the Chairman of Representative Meetings, and the Treasurer.

The Committee considered the replies of various Government Departments to communications addressed to them pursuant to the resolutions of the Council on July 4th, 1906,[1] and it was decided to take further action with respect to certain of these matters, the result of which will be reported in due course.

The Committee considered the question referred to them by the Council as to the eligibility for membership of certain medical practitioners in India who are not registered in the United Kingdom, and do not hold any qualification prescribed by the rules of any Indian Branch.

The Committee came to the conclusion that the practitioners in question were not eligible for election under the existing regulations of the Association, and that the attention of the Branches in India should be drawn to the subject.

[1] See SUPPLEMENT to the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL, July 14th, 1906, p. 27.

Meetings of Branches & Divisions.

[*The proceedings of the Divisions and Branches of the Association relating to Scientific and Clinical Medicine, when reported by the Honorary Secretaries, are published in the body of the* JOURNAL.]

EDINBURGH BRANCH:

SOUTHERN DIVISION.

First Annual Dinner.—The first annual dinner of the Southern Division of the Edinburgh Branch was held on Saturday evening, January 19th, at the Carlton Hotel. There were present Dr. A. A. Matheson (Chairman), Councillor Dr. Cullen (Croupier), Drs. Norman Walker (Representative for Scotland on the General Medical Council), James, Wallace, C.M.G., Brigade Surgeon Lieutenant-Colonel A. D. Webster, Kennedy, E. Price, Dawson Turner, J. V. Paterson, Scott, Aitchison Robertson, A. Walker, Simla Paterson, G. Price, Lyon Wilson, Johnston, Morrison Milne, Burton, Salt, Cumming, Porter, Flett, Dickson, Messrs. Kris Allsopp, John Allsopp, Daish, Scott, Taylor, and Dr. Dewar (Honorary Secretary). Apologies for absence were received from Sir Robert Cranston, K.C.V.O., Sir William Gairdner, LL.D., Bailie Stevenson, Mr. Frank Cooper, K.C., Surgeon-Major Black, and Drs. Church, Craig, Lundie, Proudfoot, Darling, Boyd Jamieson, and D. G. Davidson. The loyal toasts were given by the Chair, "The Imperial Forces" being replied to by Lieutenant-Colonel WEBSTER. The toast of "The Magistrates and Town Council of Edinburgh" was proposed in a happy speech by Dr. DAWSON TURNER. Councillor CULLEN, Convener of the Public Health Committee, in reply, referred to the recent adoption of compulsory notification of phthisis, and said that in the administration of this particular notification the Town Council, as the local authority, would never apply the clauses of the 1897 Act to cases of this disease if the public did not wish it. The Town Council would always welcome the expressed opinion of the medical profession in these matters. "The General Medical Council" was toasted by the SECRETARY, and in his reply Dr. NORMAN WALKER alluded to the important functions of that body, and animadverted strongly on the lack of interest evinced by the great body of practitioners in taking their proper share in the work of the Divisions. He thought that social functions of this kind should be held by the various Divisions from time to time, in order to stimulate a livelier interest among the members in their own affairs. The CHAIRMAN, in proposing "The Prosperity of the British Medical Association," made reference to the recent great improvement in the organization of that body, and pointed out the great power which was possessed in virtue of the representative character of the Branches and Divisions. Dr. SIMLA PATERSON proposed the toast of "The Edinburgh Medical School," coupled with the name of Dr. ALEXANDER JAMES, who replied in his usual humorous manner. "Kindred Associations" was placed in the hands of Dr. AITCHISON ROBERTSON, and Mr. WALLACE, in his reply, congratulated the Southern Division in organizing such a happy social function, expressing his great pleasure at being present as a guest, and that as he had enjoyed himself so much he would be only too glad to return on a future occasion. The healths of "The Chairman" and "Croupier" were proposed by Dr. G. PRICE and Dr. PORTER respectively. The last toast of the evening—that of "The Secretary"—was proposed by Dr. NORMAN WALKER, who referred in a very kindly way to the services rendered by that official since the Division was constituted. Dr. DEWAR in a word thanked the members for the hearty way in which they had responded to the toast. Altogether a most pleasant evening was spent, the musical part of the programme being contributed by Drs. Kennedy, James, and E. Price and Messrs. Allsopp, Daish, and Scott.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH:

HAMPSTEAD DIVISION.

AN adjourned meeting of this Division took place on Monday, January 7th, at 41, Belsize Park, Hampstead, N.W. (by kind permission of Dr. Ford Anderson).

Confirmation of Minutes.—The minutes of the last

meeting were read and confirmed, with a correction as regards the memorandum on Provident Dispensaries, Dr. ANDERSON pointing out that this was not expected to be ready for this meeting.

Mr. ARMIT remarked on the good attendance of Hampstead men at the last special general meeting of the Association on December 21st.

Adjourned Discussion on the Poor Law.

The questions referred to Divisions in the SUPPLEMENT of December 8th, 1906, p. 307, were dealt with seriatim.

A (1). *Salaries of Poor-law Medical Officers.*

Dr. CLAUDE TAYLOR, Medical Officer of the Workhouse in Hampstead, kindly furnished exact details of the salary and extra emoluments received by him.

It was then resolved, on the proposal of Mr. ARMIT, seconded by Dr. OPPENHEIMER:

That in the Hampstead Division there is no reason to consider that the salaries of Poor-law medical officers are so inadequate as to depreciate the standard of remuneration of medical practitioners generally.

A (2). *Poor-law Medical Officers and Drugs, etc.*

Dr. CLAUDE TAYLOR said he thought the guardians ought to pay cost price to a dispenser for drugs, etc. He believed that Dr. Barter, Poor-law Medical Officer for West Hampstead, supplied his own medicines.

It was then resolved:

That the present system of requiring Poor-law medical officers to pay out of their salaries for drugs, including serums, and for surgical appliances, is unsatisfactory.

A (3). *Association of Posts of Poor-law Medical Officer and Public Vaccinator.*

Dr. FORD ANDERSON proposed and Dr. BAKEWELL seconded:

That the post of Poor-law medical officer and public vaccinator should not be systematically associated; but, if associated, the salary should not be reduced in consequence.

Dr. JAMES STEWART opposed, as he thought the two posts should be associated, and should be in the hands of the Local Government Board. Mr. ARMIT then proposed, and Mr. STEWART seconded, an amendment to Dr. Anderson's resolution as follows:

That while it appears that in the Hampstead Division such an association of offices would be inexpedient, yet this meeting realizes that it might be advantageous in other areas, and where such an association does exist there should be no reduction in salary.

The amendment was carried after full discussion, and having become the substantive resolution, the following rider was added to it as a memorandum on the motion of Mr. CUNNINGTON, seconded by Dr. GLOVER:

That the office of public vaccinator should be withdrawn from the Poor Law and transferred to the public health authority.

This was carried.

A (4). *Abuse of the Poor Law.*

Mr. CUNNINGTON said that in his experience the work was thoroughly done, and there was very little abuse. Fraud occurred, but was rare.

Mr. ARMIT then proposed, and Dr. OPPENHEIMER seconded, the following resolution, which was carried:

That in the Hampstead Division there is no evidence that medical relief under the Poor Law is being granted to persons who can afford to pay for medical attendance.

A (5). *Boards of Guardians and Hospitals.*

Dr. CLAUDE TAYLOR said that in his opinion Poor-law patients should have as much freedom of entry into hospitals as other patients. The guardians in Hampstead did not send patients to hospitals without the knowledge of the medical officer.

Mr. ARMIT proposed and Dr. JAMES STEWART seconded:

That in the opinion of the Hampstead Division it should be required that some arrangement be made between the Poor-law guardians and certain hospitals for the weekly payment for each case admitted into the wards of the latter from the infirmaries.

Dr. OPPENHEIMER opposed on principle. The poorest had the greatest right to gratuitous treatment.

Dr. ANDERSON moved as an amendment to Mr. Armit's resolution:

That the words "suitable payment" be substituted for "weekly payment."

This was seconded by Dr. SHARMAN.. Finally, on Dr. Sharman's proposal, the amendment was made to read as follows:

(*a*) That Boards of Guardians should be encouraged to send clinically suitable Poor-law cases of illness to general hospitals.

(*b*) But that adequate payment should be made to the hospital funds for such cases.

On the motion of Dr. OPPENHEIMER, seconded by Mr. PARSONS, it was agreed to take the amendment as the substantive resolution, and deal with it in two parts.

The first part (*a*) was then put to the vote and carried *nem. con.*, while the second part (*b*) was carried, after a lively discussion, by 9 votes to 5.

During the discussion on this subject, Dr. ANDERSON said that there were 16,000 beds in the London infirmaries as against 10,000 hospital beds. There should be some arrangement whereby infirmaries could be opened to students. As things stood at present, the newly-qualified man went into practice without having seen the terminations of certain cases—for example, disseminated sclerosis, cancer, etc. Poor-law medical officers performed nearly 3,000 operations annually, and in many cases consultations were desirable but could not be secured owing to the guardians objecting to the expense.

B (1). *Administration of Infirmaries to be brought into Line with General Hospitals.*

On the proposal of Mr. HUMPHREYS, seconded by Dr. CLAUDE TAYLOR, the following resolution was put and carried:

That the sick poor in the workhouse sick wards should receive nursing treatment not less efficient than that which is now offered in well-conducted general hospitals.

A motion of Mr. PARSONS was then read relating to B (1), but discussion of it was postponed.

B (2). Discussion postponed.

B (3). Discussion postponed.

B (4) (*a*). *Feeble-minded Mothers.*

Mr. HUMPHREYS proposed, and Dr. OPPENHEIMER seconded:

That feeble-minded unmarried mothers should be detained in some suitable institution.

Carried.

B (4) (*b*) 1 and 2. Postponed.

B (5). This was discussed, but no resolution could be passed owing to the late hour.

B (6). Postponed.

B (7). Postponed.

Vote of Thanks.—The proceedings terminated with a vote of thanks to Dr. Ford Anderson for his hospitality.

STRATFORD DIVISION.

A MEETING of the Stratford Division was held in the Alexandra Hotel, High Street, Stratford, on Thursday, January 17th, at 9 p.m. Dr. E. B. HASTINGS in the chair.

Confirmation of Minutes.—The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Election of Central Council.—The meeting then considered a communication from the Dublin Division in reference to the election of the Council as proposed by the new Charter. After some discussion the following resolution, proposed by Dr. HAY and seconded by Dr. ROSE, was carried:

That this Division supports the resolution passed at the last Representative Meeting in reference to the election of the Council under the proposed Royal Charter.

Diagnosis of Intestinal Obstruction.—A very instructive address was given by Mr. HAROLD L. BARNARD, F.R.C.S., of the London Hospital, on the diagnosis of intestinal obstruction. He referred to numerous interesting cases which had come under his own observation. The members highly appreciated Mr. Barnard's address, and he was accorded a very hearty vote of thanks.

Bacteriological Examination of Cases of Diphtheria in School Children.—Dr. CONRAD BASAN then opened a discussion on a circular letter issued by the Poplar Medical Officer of Health to medical practitioners in his district in reference to the bacteriological examination of cases of diphtheria in school children. After several members had expressed their views of the subject the following

resolution, proposed by Dr. ROSE and seconded by Dr. CURSHAM CORNER, was carried:

That where private practitioners are asked to undertake work of preventive medicine they should receive remuneration from the public funds.

QUEENSLAND BRANCH.

THE annual meeting of this Branch was held in Brisbane on December 7th, 1906. Dr. TURNER, President, occupied the chair, and there was a good attendance of members.

Report of Council.—The Council's report stated that there was a membership of 147, and a credit balance in the bank of £135; and the TREASURER announced that a record had been established, every subscription due to the Branch having been received.

Presidential Address.—Dr. TURNER read an inspiring address upon the Ideals of the Medical Profession.

Election of Officers.—The officers for 1907 were then announced as follows: *President*, Dr. Wilton Love; *Vice-Presidents*, Dr. L. Gibson, Dr. Turner; *Curator*, Dr. Penny; *Treasurer*, Dr. Carvosso; *Auditors*, Dr. Page, Dr. Eleanor Bourne; *Council*, Dr. Byrne, Dr. Espie Dods, Dr. McLean, Dr. Robertson; *Honorary Secretary*, Dr. Brockway.

YORKSHIRE BRANCH:
HUDDERSFIELD DIVISION.

A MEETING of this Division was held on Thursday, January 10th, at the Huddersfield Infirmary, Dr. HALL in the chair.

Confirmation of Minutes.—The minutes of the preceding meeting were confirmed.

Specimens, etc.—Mr. PORRITT showed (1) an appendix found in the sac of a strangulated hernia; (2) a stomach from a case of perforating gastric ulcer; (3) a new wool specially prepared for medical use.—Mr. ROWELL showed a case of fractured patella treated by wiring.

Papers.—The following papers were read:—Dr. WALKER: An anomalous case of cancer of the stomach. Dr. EDWARDS: Notes on two cases of Caesarean section.

Taxation of Motor Cars.—Dr. CLAMPETT brought forward the following resolution, which was passed unanimously:

The members of the Huddersfield Division of the British Medical Association feel strongly that any increased taxation on motor cars will press heavily and unfairly on the large and increasing number of medical men who use motors for their professional work, and earnestly hope that members of Parliament will assist them in obtaining exception from any such additional burden. They would desire especially to draw attention to the following points:

1. To meet the exacting requirements of medical practice cars must be substantially built, and of suitable horse-power to carry a body affording protection from the weather. To be reliable and capable of withstanding hard work over any roads in all weathers, the material and workmanship must be of the best. Thus the tax, whether based on weight, horse-power or price, will fall heavily on the medical man.
2. The use of motors by medical men is of great advantage to the public, not only especially in all cases of urgency or in times of epidemics, but under routine conditions, as the rounds are shortened, and visits can be paid at more suitable times.
3. Although the use of motors presents so many advantages that medical men are feeling more and more obliged to adopt them in preference to horses, yet no economy is effected; but, as a rule, a considerable increase in yearly expenditure results from the change. And it is already increasingly difficult for the general medical practitioner to make a living, owing, among other causes, to the greatly increased cost of medical education, the fees obtainable showing no corresponding augmentation, while the burden of taxation in general now falls heavily enough on the professional man of moderate means.
4. Medical men do not belong to the class who tend to damage the roads, and to make motoring offensive to the community. Their work is carried on in an area where they are well known, they have their reputation constantly to consider, and they cannot afford to run risks in any sense.

That copies of this resolution be sent to each member of Parliament for the district, to the Chairman of the Royal Commission, to the Joint Committee of the Automobile Club and the Motor Union, and to the local papers.

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Association Notices.

LIBRARY OF THE BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

MEMBERS are reminded that the Library and Writing Rooms of the Association are fitted up for the accommodation of the members in commodious apartments, at the office of the Association, 429, Strand. The rooms are open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., except on Saturdays, when they close at 2 p.m. Members can have their letters addressed to them at the office.

BRANCH AND DIVISION MEETINGS TO BE HELD.

BORDER COUNTIES BRANCH.—A general meeting will be held in Carlisle on February 15th, when the Medical Secretary of the Association will deliver an address on Contract Practice. All medical practitioners are invited to attend.—FRANCIS R. HILL, Secretary, Carlisle.

BORDER COUNTIES BRANCH: WEST CUMBERLAND DIVISION.—An ordinary meeting of the above Division will be held at Whitehaven on Thursday, February 23th, at 4 p.m. Members wishing to read papers or show cases will oblige by giving notice to the Honorary Secretary before February 21st. An agenda will be sent in due course.—JOHN PENNY, Honorary Secretary, Cockermouth.

EDINBURGH BRANCH.—The winter meeting of the Edinburgh Branch will be held in the Royal Infirmary on Friday, February 22nd. The other Scottish Branches are invited to join in the meeting. Special clinics and demonstrations will take place during the forenoon. The clinical meeting will be held at 4 o'clock. Dinner will be served at 6 30 o'clock in the North British Station Hotel (morning dress).—A. LOGAN TURNER, 27, Walker Street; FRANCIS D. BOYD, 22, Manor Place, Honorary Secretaries.

LEINSTER BRANCH.—The annual meeting of the Leinster Branch will be held in the Royal College of Physicians, Dublin, on Saturday, February 23rd, at 4.30 p.m.—ARTHUR H. WHITE, Honorary Secretary.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: KENSINGTON DIVISION.—A meeting will be held on Friday, February 1st, at 4.45 p.m., at the Marylebone Infirmary, St. Charles's Square, Notting Hill, W. Cases will be shown by Mr. J. R. Lunn and others.—CHARLES BUTTAR, Honorary Secretary.

NORTH WALES BRANCH: DENBIGH AND FLINT DIVISION.—A meeting of this Division will be held in Wrexham, on Friday, February 15th, at 3.45 p.m.—E. D. EVANS, Honorary Secretary, Bodeirian, Wrexham.

ROYAL COMMISSION ON THE POOR LAWS.

AT the meeting on January 29th of the Royal Commission on the Poor Laws and Relief of Distress with reference to Poor-law Questions, Dr. J. A. Macdonald (Chairman of Representative Meetings), Dr. Langley Browne (Chairman of Council), Dr. Ford Anderson and Mr. J. Smith Whitaker (Medical Secretary) attended as witnesses on behalf of the British Medical Association; they handed in the following statement, together with copies of the Contract Practice Report, and subsequently gave evidence:

1. The British Medical Association, which includes 20,000 medical practitioners, has endeavoured in submitting its evidence to the Royal Commission to give expression to those opinions which the Association believes to be generally accepted in the medical profession.

2. The Association has circulated inquiries to all the Poor-law medical officers in England and Wales, over 3,500 in number, and a careful analysis has been made of the replies received. The evidence now submitted has been prepared after careful consideration of the information thus obtained and is to be taken as representing the conclusions of the Association based thereon, except those statements which are specified as those of the medical officers themselves.

A.—CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT OF POOR-LAW MEDICAL OFFICERS.

Salaries.

3. The information obtained by the Association from Poor-law medical officers does not indicate the existence of any general grievance as regards inadequacy of ordinary remuneration, but in some districts the salaries paid to Poor-law medical officers are entirely inadequate and attention must be drawn to the absence of any uniform principle in fixing such salaries.

4. In fixing salaries more regard should be had than some local authorities give at present, to considerations affecting the amount of work to be done, such as the total population, the population per acre, or the size and shape of the district.

Special Fees for Operations and Midwifery.

5. It is desirable that local authorities and medical officers should not be allowed in any case to contract out of the Poor Law Order 177 as regards operations, or Orders 182 and 183 as regards midwifery.

6. With regard to Orders 182 and 183, the Association has evidence of a tendency to throw upon the parish doctor, either without extra payment or at the expense of the rates, duties of attendance upon patients previously under the care of midwives, for which such patients could, and should, be required themselves to pay.

Supply of Drugs and other Materials.

7. The salary of Poor-law medical officers should be made entirely independent of the supply of drugs, serums, surgical appliances, and other materials, and should be fixed in consideration of medical attendance and medical services only.

8. Drugs and other materials should be provided under separate contracts, which may be made, as circumstances may render advisable in different districts, either with the doctor himself, with chemists, or otherwise.

9. In the interests of public health it is particularly desirable that provision be made at the public expense for the supply of substances, such as antidiphtheritic serum, which are necessary for checking infectious disease.

Consultations and Special Assistance.

10. The Association considers that attention should be drawn to the fact that, in a large number of cases, medical practitioners are called in in consultation, and are not paid for such services.

11. This tends to prevent those who receive medical relief under the Poor Law from having the benefit of such special attention in exceptional cases as their condition may require.

12. It is, therefore, recommended that, in the public interest, the Poor-law authorities should in all cases pay fees for consultations and special assistance, including the administration of anaesthetics.

Recovery of Fees by Medical Officers.

13. As a matter of justice to medical officers, it is submitted that in cases in which the guardians are able to recover, from the estate of persons who have received relief under the Poor Law, repayment of the cost of such relief, recovery should also be made of fees to be paid to the medical officer for the attendance given by him to such persons while they were supposed to be entitled to his services under the Poor Law.

Clerical Work of Medical Officers.

14. Workhouse medical officers should not be required to do book-keeping and other clerical work of kinds that could equally well be done by other persons, but such work should be carried out as far as possible by the master or his clerical staff, and the medical officer merely required to consider, and initial when approved, those records which are deemed to need his supervision.

Holidays of Medical Officers.

15. The Association considers that the principle already acted upon in a few Unions should be applied generally, namely, that each Poor-law medical officer should be allowed a definite holiday every year, during which the expense of employing a substitute should be defrayed by the Poor-law Authority, provision of a substitute during any leave of absence granted beyond such annual holiday being at the expense of the medical officer himself.

Association of the office of Public Vaccinator with that of Poor-law Medical Officer.

16. The Association considers that the appointments of Poor-law Medical Officer and Public Vaccinator should not be necessarily combined, though in many cases they may conveniently be held by the same persons; in all cases the remuneration for the two offices should be fixed independently.

Superannuation.

17. The area of the Poor-law Union is too small to afford a satisfactory unit for superannuation; the contributions to the superannuation fund throughout the country should be pooled, and the payments made from the common fund, in order that proper regard may be had to continuous service in successive districts.

18. Attention is particularly called to the hardship affecting non-resident medical officers, namely, that their appointments being made for limited periods only, although they have paid towards the superannuation fund for many years, the guardians in many cases deliberately refrain from reappointing them when near the age for superannuation in order to escape payment.

System of Appointment of Poor-law Medical Officers.

19. The Association has had under its consideration three systems of appointment of Poor-law medical officers, namely:—

(*a*) The creation of a State Medical Service consisting of whole-time officers to whom perhaps other duties in addition to that of Poor-law Medical Officer would be assigned.

(*b*) The appointment of special officers devoting as a rule only a part of their time to Poor-law work (the present system).

(*c*) Appointment of no special officers, provision being made whereby any patient receiving medical relief under the Poor Law may be attended by any local medical practitioner who has previously intimated to the guardians his willingness to undertake such work in accordance with the regulations of the service for the time being.

20. In the opinion of the Association there is no general dissatisfaction in the medical profession with the present system of appointment, but there are some members of the profession who have paid special attention to the subject who would prefer the system (*a*), and others who would prefer the system (*c*).

Non-resident District Medical Officers.

21. The present system of control by the Local Government Board of cases in which it is proposed to appoint non-resident medical officers is satisfactory in principle, but in the opinion of the Association the powers of the Local Government Board should be more frequently and more strictly exercised than at present.

B.—QUESTIONS OF MEDICAL RELIEF NOT SPECIALLY AFFECTING CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT OF MEDICAL OFFICERS.

Relation of Poor Law Administration to Hospitals.

22. Inquiries which have been made as to the extent to which patients are being treated at Out-patient Departments of Hospitals, who ought to receive medical relief under the Poor Law, and as to the extent to which patients are being relieved under the Poor Law, who ought to be treated as Out-patients of Hospitals, do not indicate any general prevalence of such arrangements.

23. The attendance at Out-patient Departments of General Hospitals of persons who are in receipt of relief from the Poor Law ought to be discouraged.

Assimilation of Poor-law Infirmaries to General Hospitals.

24. The provisions for the care of the sick in Poor-law Infirmaries should be assimilated to that of hospitals supported by voluntary contributions, in the following respects:—

(*a*) As to the standard of nursing, food and drugs.

(*b*) As to the provision for the performance of important operations in the institutions where possible.

(*c*) As to the use of the institutions for purposes of clinical medical instruction.

(*d*) As to the keeping of clinical records of cases.

(*e*) As to the institutions being open to reasonable public inspection.

25. Provision should be made for obtaining special medical or surgical assistance in Poor-law Infirmaries where necessary.

Amalgamation of Groups of Infirmaries.

26. It is desirable that Poor-law Infirmaries in country districts should in many cases be co-ordinated or amalgamated in order to render possible, without undue expense, the reforms suggested in recommendation 24.

27. In particular combined Infirmaries might be established for incurable cases, relieving the congestion of the Workhouses.

Provision for Cases of Infectious Disease.

28. The responsibility for dealing with cases of infectious disease should in all cases be placed upon the Sanitary Authority.

Venereal Disease.

29. Better provision than at present should be made for the care of cases of venereal disease, and all persons suffering from such diseases who obtain relief under the Poor Law should be detained until no longer infectious.

Placing Poor-law Infirmaries and General Hospitals under Common Management.

30. The Association has considered the question of bringing Poor-law Infirmaries and General Hospitals under common management. Only one method has, so far as the Association is aware, been proposed up to the present for this purpose, namely, by the municipal maintenance and control of the Hospitals which are now supported by charitable contributions. Opinion in the medical profession is at present adverse to this proposal.

Attendance in Emergencies.

31. Provision should be made to facilitate attendance by a medical officer in cases of emergency, without waiting for an order from the relieving officer.

32. It is also recommended that it should be made possible for the medical officer to obtain special assistance in cases of emergency at the expense of the Poor-law Authorities without waiting for an order from the relieving officer.

District Nurses.

33. Poor-law Authorities should subscribe to, or maintain district nurses for the poor, but all district nurses should be placed under stricter supervision than at present and should act under medical control.

C.—QUESTIONS OF POOR-LAW ADMINISTRATION NOT RELATING SPECIALLY TO MEDICAL RELIEF, BUT CONSIDERED FROM THE PUBLIC HEALTH STANDPOINT.

Constitution of the Local Poor-law Authority.

34. The replies received from Poor-law medical officers show a preponderatingly adverse opinion to the present system of administration by Boards of Guardians, as showing a lack of sufficient uniformity in administration, and a want of appreciation of those conditions which are necessary for the efficient medical service of the poor.

35. In the opinion of the Association the units of local Poor-law administration should be larger than the present Unions, although the County Council areas would not necessarily be suitable.

Relation of Local Poor-law and Sanitary Administrative Areas.

36. The preponderating opinion of Poor-law medical officers and the general opinion of the medical profession is in favour of making local Poor-law areas and areas of local Sanitary Administration coterminous.

Classification.

37. Classification of workhouse inmates in respect of personal character should be carried out wherever practicable; classes should also be made for the aged and infirm, for able-bodied males, able-bodied females, and children; and the British Medical Association has already, in giving evidence before the Royal Commission on the Feeble-minded, recommended that all cases of mental infirmity should be placed under the supervision of the Lunacy Commissioners.

Provision for Indigent Aged.

38. The opinion of Poor-law medical officers is generally in favour of provision in workhouses as best for maintaining the indigent aged under healthy conditions, and that, to facilitate such provision, married couples should not be compulsorily separated.

Provision for Children.

39. The replies both of workhouse and district Poor-law medical officers show a large preponderance of opinion in favour of the system of boarding out as the best method of making provision for children under the care of Poor-law authorities.

40. Some medical officers submit evidence of suffering and injury caused to children of vicious parents by the alleged want of power under the law at present to remove children from such care, and the Association considers that the Prevention of Cruelty to Children Acts should, if necessary, be so extended as to afford power to a magistrate, by summary process, to remove from the care of vicious parents children who are proved to be receiving injury therefrom.

Provision for Deserted Wives.

41. The Poor-law Authority should be empowered to make provision for deserted wives by out-door relief, where this appears to them most suitable.

Provision for Feeble-minded Unmarried Mothers.

42. Feeble-minded unmarried mothers should be detained in public institutions, and statutory provision should be made for such detention.

Out-door Relief.

43. Grants of Out-door Relief are, in some cases, inadequate for the maintenance in health of the person so relieved. The scale of Out-door Relief given to persons deemed suitable for such relief should be adequate, while on the other hand a more strict supervision should be exercised by the Poor-law Authority in the selection of recipients of such relief.

Methods of Dealing with the Able-bodied.

44. Upon consideration of the information which it has collected, the Association recommends that the grant of relief under the Poor Law to able-bodied persons should be discouraged by increasing the amount of work to be done, and reducing the diet.

Methods of Dealing with Incorrigibles.

45. Labour colonies should be provided for incorrigibles, statutory power being conferred on magistrates of commitment thereto.

Provision for Industrious Persons travelling in Search of Work.

46. Suitable provision should be made whereby genuine workers travelling in search of work may be relieved without being required to consort with habitual vagrants.

Vital Statistics.

HEALTH OF ENGLISH TOWNS.

IN seventy-six of the largest English towns, including London, 7,874 births and 5,584 deaths were registered during the week ending Saturday last, January 26th. The annual rate of mortality in these towns, which had been 22.4, 20.7, and 18.1 per 1,000 in the three preceding weeks, rose last week to 18.2 per 1,000. The rates in the several towns ranged from 8.1 in Hornsey, 10.3 in Grimsby, 11.4 in Tynemouth, 11.7 in Burton-on-Trent, 11.9 in Handsworth (Staffs.), and 12.0 in Bournemouth to 22.2 in York, 22.4 in Oldham, 23.6 in Preston, 24.1 in Wigan, 24.4 in South Shields, 25.6 in Hull and in Middlesbrough, 31.5 in Stockton-on-Tees, and 32.4 in Newport (Mon.). In London the rate of mortality was 18.0 per 1,000, while it averaged 18.2 per 1,000 in the seventy-five other large towns. The death-rate from the principal infectious diseases in the seventy-six towns was 1.4 per 1,000; in London this death-rate was equal to 1.1 per 1,000, while among the seventy-five other large towns the rates ranged upwards to 3.1 in Norwich and in Stockport, 3.2 in South Shields, 3.4 in Newport (Mon.), 3.5 in Wigan, 4.5 in Walthamstow, 5.1 in Hull, and 6.1 in Middlesbrough. Measles caused a death-rate of 1.1 in Oldham, 1.3 in Plymouth and in Aston Manor, 1.4 in West Ham and in Newport (Mon.), 1.8 in Wigan and in South Shields, and 3.5 in Hull; scarlet fever of 1.4 in Newport (Mon.); diphtheria of 1.2 in Derby, 1.3 in Norwich, 1.4 in Croydon, and 1.5 in Middlesbrough; whooping-cough of 1.3 in Norwich, 1.7 in Willesden, 2.0 in Middlesbrough, 2.1 in Stockport, and 3.3 in Walthamstow; "fever" of 1.5 in Middlesbrough; and diarrhoea of 1.1 in Oldham and in Swansea. One fatal case of small-pox was registered in Hull and one in Cardiff, but none in any other of the seventy-six large towns. The number of scarlet fever patients under treatment in the Metropolitan Asylums Hospitals and the London Fever Hospital, which had been 3,707, 3,523, and 3,405 at the end of the three preceding weeks, had further declined to 3,291 at the end of last week; 307 new cases were admitted during the week, against 309, 285, and 325 in the three preceding weeks.

HEALTH OF SCOTTISH TOWNS.

DURING the week ending Saturday last, January 26th, 945 births and 662 deaths were registered in eight of the principal Scottish towns. The annual rate of mortality in these towns, which had been 22.9, 20.8, and 20.5 per 1,000 in the three preceding weeks, further declined to 19.1 per 1,000 last week, but was 0.9 per 1,000 above the mean rate during the same period in the seventy-six large English towns. Among these Scottish towns the death-rates ranged from 15.6 in Leith and 15 8 in Aberdeen to 22.0 in Edinburgh and 26.9 in Perth. The death-rate from the principal infectious diseases averaged 2.0 per 1,000 in these Scottish towns, the highest rates being recorded in Glasgow. Aberdeen, and Leith. The 307 deaths registered in Glasgow included 3 which were referred to scarlet fever, 11 to whooping-cough, 10 to diarrhoea, and 20 to cerebro-spinal meningitis. Two fatal cases of measles, 3 of scarlet fever, 2 of diarrhoea, and 2 of cerebro-spinal meningitis were recorded in Edinburgh: 2 of diphtheria in Dundee; 4 of whooping-cough in Aberdeen, and 2 of diarrhoea in Leith.

HEALTH OF IRISH TOWNS.

DURING the week ending Saturday, January 19th, 556 births and 442 deaths were registered in six of the principal Irish towns, as against 581 births and 490 deaths in the preceding period. The annual death-rate in these towns, which had been 17.6, 24.0, and 24.6 per 1,000 in the three preceding weeks, declined to 20.5 per 1,000 in the week under notice, this figure being 2.4 per 1,000 higher than the mean annual rate for the seventy-six large English towns for the corresponding period. The figures ranged from 13.5 in Londonderry and 16.4 in Limerick to 24.7 in Cork and 27.5 in Dublin. The zymotic death-rate in the same six Irish towns averaged 0.9 per 1,000, or 0.5 per 1,000 less than during the preceding period, the highest figure—1.9—being recorded in Waterford, while in Londonderry and Limerick no deaths were registered under this heading.

Naval and Military Appointments.

ROYAL NAVY MEDICAL SERVICE.

THE following appointments have been made at the Admiralty:—FRANCIS H. A. CLAYTON, M.D., Staff Surgeon, and HERBERT L. GEOGHEGAN, M.D., Surgeon, to the *Hyacinth*, on completing, February 5th; WILLIAM H. DAW, Staff Surgeon, to the *Vindictive*, on recommissioning, undated; PERCY H. BOYDEN, M.D., and HARRY SPICER, Staff Surgeons, to the *President*, additional, for three months' course at West London Hospital, January 21st; JOHN VERDON, Surgeon, to the *Victorious*, February 5th; ALFRED H. JEREMY, M.B., Staff Surgeon, to the *Fox*, temporary, on recommissioning, January 24th.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

THE following were the successful candidates for commissions in the Royal Army Medical Corps at the recent examination in London, for which seventy-eight candidates entered.

Name.	Medical School.	Qualifications.	Marks.
Beaman, W. K. ...	Charing Cross Hospital	M.R.C.S.Eng., L.R.C.P.Lond.	612
Cassidy, C. ..	St. George's Hospital	B.A.Cantab., M.R.C.S.Eng., L.R.C.P.Lond.	580
Fraser, A. D. ...	Marischal College, Aberdeen	M.B., B.Ch.Aberd.	575
Leahy, M. P. ...	University of Dublin	B.A., M.B., B.Ch.Dub.	565
Turner, F. T. ...	King's College Hospital	M.R.C.S.Eng., L.R.C.P.Lond.	555
Fortescue, A. I. ...	University of Aberdeen	M.B., B.Ch.Aber.	550
Gibson, H. G. ...	Guy's Hospital	M.R.C.S.Eng., L.R.C.P.Lond.	548
Wood, J. L. ...	St. Thomas's Hospital	B.A.Cantab., M.R.C.S. Eng., L.R.C.P.Lond.	546
Field, S.	St. Mary's Hospital	M.R.C.S.Eng., L.R.C.P.Lond.	538
O'Connor, R. D. ...	St. Bartholomew's Hospital	M.R.C.S.Eng., L.R.C.P.Lond.	533
Mackenzie, D. F...	University of Edinburgh	M.B., B.Ch.Edin., D.T.M., Liverpool	529
Boyd, J. E. M. ...	St. Mary's Hospital	M.R.C.S.Eng., L.R.C.P.Lond.	528
Carlisle, G.... ..	Guy's Hospital	M.R.C.S.Eng., L.R.C.P.Lond.	517
Middleton, F. M. .	St. Thomas's Hospital	M.R.C.S.Eng., L.R.C.P.Lond.	516
McEwen, O. R. ..	London Hospital	M.R.C.S.Eng., L.R.C.P.Lond.	510
Gurley, J. H. ...	St. Bartholomew's Hospital	M.R.C.S.Eng., L.R.C.P.Lond.	508
Chapman, F. H. M.	St. George's Hospital	M.R.C.S.Eng., L.R.C.P.Lond.	507
Elliott, A. C. ...	University of Dublin	B.A., M.B., B.Ch.Dub.	503
Langrishe, J. du P.	University of Dublin	M.B., B.Ch.Dub.	503
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INDIAN MEDICAL SERVICE.

LIEUTENANTS to be Captains, dated August 31st, 1906: R. KELSALL, M.B., J. H. BURGESS, M.B., F.R.C.S., C. H. BRODRIBB, M.B., J. McC. A. MACMILLAN, M.B., C. A. GILL, W. E. J. TUOHY, T. F. OWENS, R. F. STEEL, M.B., G. F. I. HARKNESS, A. C. INGRAM, M.B., G. W. MACHONACHIE, M.B., E. W. C. BRADFIELD, M.B., A. W. M. HARVEY, M.B., C. I. BRIERLEY, J. B. D. HUNTER, M.B., and E. T. HARRIS. This is in substitution for the notification regarding the promotion of these officers in the *London Gazette* of November 13th, 1906.

Major H. E. DRAKE-BROCKMAN, Bengal, is appointed to officiate as Senior Surgeon and *ex officio* Sanitary Commissioner with the Government of Mysore from November 25th, 1906.

Lieutenant-Colonel G. J. H. BELL, M.B., Bengal, is appointed to officiate as Inspector-General of Prisons, Burmah, vice Lieutenant-Colonel E. P. FRENCHMAN, Madras, who has been granted leave for eighteen months.

ARMY MEDICAL RESERVE.

SURGEON-LIEUTENANT-COLONELS G. ENGLAND and J. W. HODGSON, M.D., having resigned their commissions in the Volunteers, cease to belong to the Army Medical Reserve.

IMPERIAL YEOMANRY.

SURGEON-LIEUTENANT H. A. AHRENS, Hampshire (Carabiniers), to be Surgeon-Captain, November 28th, 1906.

Surgeon-Lieutenant H. CONNOP, Montgomeryshire Regiment, resigns his commission, December 1st, 1906.

VOLUNTEER RIFLES.

THE announcement of the resignation of his commission by Captain E. M. GRIFFITH, 3rd Volunteer Battalion the South Wales Borderers, and of his appointment to a Surgeon Lieutenancy, which appeared in the *London Gazette* of November 13th, 1906, is cancelled.

Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel and Honorary Surgeon-Colonel W. GANDY, 2nd Volunteer Battalion the East Surrey Regiment, is borne as supernumerary whilst holding the appointment of Brigade Surgeon Lieutenant-Colonel, Senior Medical Officer East Surrey Volunteer Infantry Brigade, June 1st, 1906.

Surgeon-Lieutenant J. SEARSON, 3rd Volunteer Battalion the Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment), resigns his commission, January 1st.

WILLIAM J. CAIE to be Surgeon-Lieutenant in the 2nd Volunteer Battalion the Suffolk Regiment, December 15th, 1906.

Surgeon-Lieutenant H. V. PRYCE, 1st Volunteer Battalion the Royal Sussex Regiment, resigns his commission, January 1st.

Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel A. MACPHEE, M.D., 5th (Glasgow Highland) Volunteer Battalion the Highland Light Infantry, is granted the honorary rank of Surgeon-Colonel, December 28th, 1906: he resigns his commission, retaining his rank and uniform, December 29th, 1906.

ROYAL GARRISON ARTILLERY (VOLUNTEERS).

SURGEON-CAPTAIN R. B. PURVES, M.B., 1st Edinburgh (City), resigns his commission, December 21st, 1906.

Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel C. ARROL, M.D., 1st Kent, is granted the honorary rank of Surgeon-Colonel, January 1st.

ROYAL ENGINEERS (VOLUNTEERS).

SURGEON-LIEUTENANT J. A. COOK, 2nd Lanarkshire, resigns his commission, December 13th, 1906.

Surgeon-Major C. H. WILLEY, M.D., 1st (Sheffield) Yorkshire (West Riding), is granted the honorary rank of Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel, December 30th, 1906; he resigns his commission, retaining his rank and uniform, December 31st, 1906.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS (VOLUNTEERS).

SURGEON-MAJOR G. W. SIDEBOTHAM, from the 4th Volunteer Battalion the Cheshire Regiment, to be Major, Cheshire Bearer Company, December 1st, 1906.

JOHN A. PRESTON to be Lieutenant in the East Surrey Bearer Company, December 8th, 1906.

Vacancies and Appointments.

This list of vacancies is compiled from our advertisement columns, where full particulars will be found. To ensure notice in this column, advertisements must be received not later than the first post on Wednesday morning.

VACANCIES.

ARGYLL DISTRICT ASYLUM, Lochgilphead.—Assistant Medical Officer. Salary at the rate of £160 per annum.

BANBURY: HORTON INFIRMARY. House-Surgeon. Salary, £80 per annum.

BATH ROYAL UNITED HOSPITAL.—Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £100 per annum.

BIRMINGHAM: QUEEN'S HOSPITAL.—Honorary Physician.

BRISTOL EYE HOSPITAL.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £80 per annum.

CHELSEA, BROMPTON, AND BELGRAVE PROVIDENT DISPENSARY, Manor Street, Chelsea.—Visiting Medical Officer.

DUNDEE MATERNITY HOSPITAL.—Non-Resident Obstetric Assistant. Salary, £40 per annum.

GLASGOW DISTRICT ASYLUM, Gartloch.—Resident Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £125 per annum.

GLOUCESTER GENERAL INFIRMARY AND EYE INSTITUTION.—Surgeon.

HAMPSTEAD GENERAL HOSPITAL.—Resident Medical Officer. Salary at the rate of £80 per annum.

HASTINGS, ST. LEONARDS, AND EAST SUSSEX HOSPITAL.—Assistant House-Surgeon. Honorarium, £20 for six months.

LONDON LOCK HOSPITAL.—Surgeon to out-patients.

MANCHESTER CORPORATION.—Fourth Medical Assistant at the Monsall Fever Hospital. Salary, £100 per annum.

MANCHESTER: ST. MARY'S HOSPITALS FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN.—House-Surgeon for the Clifford Street Branch. Honorarium, £25 for six months.

MIDHURST: KING EDWARD VII SANATORIUM.—Junior Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £100 per annum.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE AND NORTHUMBERLAND SANATORIUM FOR CONSUMPTION, Barrasford-on-Tyne.—Resident Medical Officer, male. Salary £180, rising to £200 per annum.

PADDINGTON GREEN CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL, W.—Honorary Anaesthetist.

PLYMOUTH: SOUTH DEVON AND EAST CORNWALL HOSPITAL.—Assistant House-Surgeon. Salary at the rate of £50 per annum.

ROYAL HOSPITAL FOR DISEASES OF THE CHEST, City Road, E.C.—Resident Medical Officer. Salary at the rate of £120 per annum.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S HOSPITAL, E.C.—Surgeon and Assistant Surgeon to the Throat Department.

STAFFORD: STAFFORDSHIRE GENERAL INFIRMARY.—Assistant House-Surgeon. Honorarium, £31 for six months.

STROUD GENERAL HOSPITAL.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £100 per annum.

VENTNOR: ROYAL NATIONAL HOSPITAL FOR CONSUMPTION AND DISEASES OF THE CHEST.—Assistant Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £100 per annum.

WEST BROMWICH DISTRICT HOSPITAL.—Resident Assistant House-Surgeon. Salary, £50 per annum.

WESTERN GENERAL DISPENSARY, Marylebone Road, N.W.—Honorary Surgeon.

CERTIFYING FACTORY SURGEONS.—The Chief Inspector of Factories announces vacancies in the office of Certifying Factory Surgeons at Malton, co. York, and East Linton, co. Haddington.

APPOINTMENTS.

ANDERSON, Miss C. E., M.B., Ch.B.Aberd., Resident Assistant Medical Officer of the Sheffield Union Hospital.

BIRT, A. C., M.R.C.S.Eng., L.R.C.P.Lond., Certifying Factory Surgeon for the Wantage District, co. Berks.

COPLANS, Myer, M.D.Lond. (State Medicine), D.P.H.Camb., Demonstrator of Bacteriology, Faculty of Medicine, University of Leeds.

ELDER, Douglas, M.B., Ch.B.Liverpool, Pathologist to the King Edward VII Sanatorium, Midhurst, Sussex.

HOSFORD, J. Stroud, F.R.C.S.Edin., Honorary Assistant Surgeon to the Royal Eye Hospital, Southwark, S.E.

M'KENZIE, Dan, M.D.Glasg., C.M., Assistant Surgeon to the Central London Throat and Ear Hospital.

LAWSON, W. W. J., M.B., Ch.B.Aberd., District Medical Officer of the Worksop Union.

PENNY, John, D.Sc. (Public Health), M.B., F.R.S.E., Medical Officer of Health to the Cockermouth Urban and Rural District Councils, vice John Robertson, M.D.Edin., resigned.

POLLARD, G. S., L.R.C.P.Edin., M.R.C.S., Certifying Factory Surgeon for the Midsomer Norton District, co. Somerset.

ROBINSON, H. Betham, M.S.Lond., F.R.C.S., Surgeon to St. Thomas's Hospital.

ROSS, S. J., M.D., M.Ch.Vict., Certifying Factory Surgeon for the Bedford District, co. Bedford.

SANDFORD, G. C., M.D.Edin., Medical Officer of the Devonport Parish Workhouse.

STUART, Hackworth, M.D.Lond., D.P.H.Cantab., F.R.C.S.E., Medical Officer to the Staffordshire County Industrial School, Warrington, Stoke-on-Trent.

WOOD, W. T., L.R.C.P. and S.Edin., L.F.P.S.Glas., District Medical Officer of the Worksop Union.

LEEDS GENERAL INFIRMARY.—The following appointments were made on January 25th:

House-Physician to Dr. Griffith: Mr. J. B. F. Wilson, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

House-Surgeon to Mr. Ward: Mr. M. G. L. Walker, M.B., Ch.B.Leeds.

House-Surgeon to Mr. Knaggs: Mr. F. G. Dobson, M.B., Ch.B.Leeds.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

The charge for inserting advertisements of Births, Marriages, and Deaths is 3s. 6d., which sum should be forwarded in post-office orders or stamps with the notice not later than Wednesday morning, in order to ensure insertion in the current issue.

BIRTHS.

ELLIS.—On January 23rd, 1907, at 208, London Road, Leicester, the wife of L. Erasmus Ellis, M.D., of a son.

HOAR.—On January 7th, at Bolarum, Deccan, India, the wife of Lieutenant J. E. Hoar, R.A.M.C., of a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

HEDLEY—HALLIDAY.—On January 12th, at St. Mary's, Harrow, by the Rev. F. Wayland Joyce, assisted by the Rev. R. Howel Brown, Vicar of Enfield, Dr. John Prescott Hedley, son of Dr. and Mrs. Hedley, Middlesbrough, to Miss Kathleen Halliday, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Halliday, Fishers, Harrow. At home, 11, John Street, Mayfair, W., March 12th to 17th, 1907.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

MONDAY.

MEDICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON, 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, W., 9 p.m.—First Lettsomian Lecture for 1907, by Dr. Charles E. Beevor, on the Diagnosis and Localization of Cerebral Tumours.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND, Lincoln's Inn Fields, W.C., 5 p.m.—Erasmus Wilson Lecture by Mr. W. Evans, F.R.C.S.: Leucoderma and Analogous Pigmentary Changes in the Skin.

TUESDAY.

PATHOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON, Lister Institute, Chelsea, 5 p.m., Meeting.

WEDNESDAY.

OBSTETRICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON, 20 Hanover Square, W., 8 p.m.—Annual Meeting. The following specimens will be shown:—Mr. J. Bland-Sutton: Cancer of the Body of the Uterus removed by Vaginal Hysterectomy from a patient aged 84 years. Mrs. Boyd: (1) Pregnancy in Fibroid Uterus—one horn; (2) Adeno-carcinoma of the Ovary. Mr. Doran (for the late Dr. G. Bagot Ferguson): Chorion-endothelioma of Uterus; Intraperitoneal Haemorrhage; Hysterectomy; Death. Dr. Tate: (1) Case of Extrauterine and Intrauterine Pregnancy: (2) Suppuration in Fibroid Tumour of Uterus following Labour. The President (Dr. Dakin): Annual Address.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND, Lincoln's Inn Fields, W.C., 5 p.m.—Erasmus Wilson Lecture by Mr. R. C. Elmslie, F.R.C.S.: Injury and Deformity of the Epiphysis of the Head of the Femur, Coxa Vara.

THURSDAY.

NORTH-EAST LONDON CLINICAL SOCIETY, Tottenham Hospital, N., 4 p.m.—Discussion: The Sequelae of Influenza, to be opened by Dr. Murray Leslie.

FRIDAY.

CLINICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON, 20, Hanover Square, W., 8.30 p.m.—The following papers will be read:—Dr. Francis Hawkins: A Case of Typhoid Fever, with Acute Pneumonia, Pericarditis, and Haemorrhagic Pleural Effusion. Mr. J. R. Lunn and Dr. Gordon Holmes: Clinical and *Post-mortem* Notes of a Case of General Paralysis of the Insane, in a Boy. Dr. Morley Fletcher and Mr. Betham Robinson: Further Report on a Case of Idiopathic Dilatation of the Colon.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND, Lincoln's Inn Fields, W.C., 5 p.m.—Erasmus Wilson Lecture by Mr. K. W. Goadby: The Etiology and Pathology of Pyorrhoea Alveolaris: Riggs' Disease.

POST-GRADUATE COURSES AND LECTURES.

CENTRAL LONDON THROAT AND EAR HOSPITAL, Gray's Inn Road, W.C.—Wednesday, 5 p.m.: Pharynx.

CHARING CROSS HOSPITAL, W.C.—Tuesday, 4 p.m.: Electrical. Thursday, 4 p.m.: Medical.

HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN, Great Ormond Street, W.C.—Thursday, 4 p.m.: Cerebellar Tumours.

LONDON SCHOOL OF CLINICAL MEDICINE, Dreadnought Hospital, Greenwich.—Clinics: Monday, Medicine, 2.30 p.m.; Surgery, 3.15 p.m.; Diseases of the Throat, Nose, and Ear, 4 p.m. Tuesday, Medicine, 2.30 p.m.; Surgery, 3.15 p.m.; Diseases of the Skin, 4 p.m. Wednesday, Medicine, 2.30 p.m.; Ophthalmology, 3.30 p.m. Thursday, Medicine, 2.30 p.m.; Surgery, 3.15 p.m.; Radiography, 4 p.m. Friday, Medicine, 2.30 p.m.; Surgery, 3.15 p.m. Operations each day at 2.30. Out-patient Demonstrations: Medical and Surgical, 10 a.m. daily; Ears and Throats, noon, Monday and Thursday; Eyes, 11 a.m., Wednesday and Saturday; Skin, noon, Tuesday and Friday. Special Lectures: Tuesday, 3.15 p.m., Some Injuries about the Elbow; Friday, 2.15 p.m., Thoracic Aneurysm.

MEDICAL GRADUATES' COLLEGE AND POLYCLINIC, 22, Chenies Street, W.C.—The following clinical demonstrations have been arranged for next week at 4 p.m. each day: Monday, Skin; Tuesday, Medical; Wednesday, Surgical; Thursday, Surgical; Friday, Throat. Lectures at 5.15 p.m. each day will be given as follows: Monday, Neurasthenia—a further criticism. Tuesday, Physiological Appearances of the Fundus Oculi. Wednesday, Constipation in Infancy and Childhood. Thursday, Some New Ideas on the Old Subject of Indigestion.

NATIONAL HOSPITAL FOR THE PARALYSED AND EPILEPTIC, Queen Square, W.C.—Tuesday, 3.30 p.m.: Epilepsy. Friday, 3.30 p.m.: Optic Nerve Changes in Nervous Diseases.

NORTH-EAST LONDON POST-GRADUATE COLLEGE, Tottenham Hospital, N.—The following are the arrangements for next week: Monday, 9.30 a.m.: Surgical Out-patient Clinic. 2.30 p.m.: Medical Out-patient, Throat, Nose, and Ear Clinics; *x*-ray Demonstration. Tuesday, 10.30 a.m.: Medical Out-patient Clinic. 2.30 p.m.: Surgical Operations; Surgical and Gynaecological Out-patient Clinics. Wednesday, 2.30 p.m.: Dermatological, Ophthalmological, and Medical Out-patient Clinics. 4.30 p.m.: Lecture, Ocular Headaches. Thursday, 2.30 p.m.: Gynaecological Operations; Medical and Surgical Out-patient Clinics. 3 p.m.: Medical In-patient Clinic. Friday, 9.30 a.m.: Surgical Out-patient Clinic. 2.30 p.m.: Medical Out-patient Clinic; Surgical Operations; Ophthalmological Clinic. 3 p.m.: Medical In-patient Clinic.

POST-GRADUATE COLLEGE, WEST LONDON HOSPITAL, Hammersmith Road, W.—The following are the arrangements for next week: Daily: 2 p.m., Medical and Surgical Clinics; 2.30 p.m., Operations and *X* Rays. Monday and Thursday, 2.30 p.m.: Diseases of the Eye. Tuesday and Friday, 10 a.m.: Gynaecological. 2.30 p.m.: Diseases of the Skin. Tuesday and Friday, 2 p.m., and Wednesday and Saturday, 10 a.m.: Diseases of Throat, Nose, and Ear. Wednesday, 10 a.m.: Diseases of Children. Lectures—Monday, 12 noon: Pathological Demonstration. Monday, 5 p.m.: Clinical. Tuesday: Clinical. Wednesday: Practical Medicine. Thursday: Practical Surgery. Friday: Cases of Skin Disease.

BOOKS, ETC., RECEIVED.

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Surgery: its Principles and Practice. By various authors. Edited by W. W. Keen, M.D., LL.D. Vol. I. Philadelphia and London: W. B. Saunders and Co. 1906. 30s.

L'Arthritisme par Suralimentation. Par le Dr. L. Pascault. Paris: A. Maloine. 1907. F. 4.

The Chemist's Annual, 1907. Edited by J. Humphrey. London: The "Pharmaceutical Journal" Office. 1907. 7s. 6d.

CALENDAR OF THE ASSOCIATION.

Date.	Meetings to be Held.
FEBRUARY.	
1 FRIDAY ...	KENSINGTON DIVISION, *Metropolitan Counties Branch*. Marylebone Infirmary, St. Charles Square, Notting Hill, W., 4.45 p.m.
2 SATURDAY ...	
3 Sunday ...	
4 MONDAY ...	
5 TUESDAY ...	
6 WEDNESDAY	LONDON: Naval and Military Committee, 4.30 p.m.
7 THURSDAY...	WANDSWORTH DIVISION, *Metropolitan Counties Branch*, Bolingbroke Hospital, 4 p.m.
8 FRIDAY ...	HAMPSTEAD DIVISION, *Metropolitan Counties Branch*.
9 SATURDAY...	
10 Sunday ...	
11 MONDAY ...	LONDON: Ethical Subcommittee, 2 p.m.
12 TUESDAY ...	LONDON: Organization Committee, 11 a.m.
13 WEDNESDAY	
14 THURSDAY...	
15 FRIDAY ...	BORDER COUNTIES BRANCH, Carlisle. DENBIGH AND FLINT DIVISION, *North Wales Branch*, Wrexham, 3.45 p.m.
16 SATURDAY...	
17 Sunday ...	
18 MONDAY ...	LONDON: Premises Committee, 2.30 p.m.
19 TUESDAY ...	CITY DIVISION, *Metropolitan Counties Branch*, Great Eastern Hotel, E.C., 4 p.m.
20 WEDNESDAY	
21 THURSDAY...	
FEBRUARY *(Continued).*	
22 FRIDAY ...	EDINBURGH BRANCH, Royal Infirmary, Clinics and Demonstrations during the forenoon; Clinical Meeting, 4 p.m.; Dinner, North British Station Hotel, 6.30 p.m.
23 SATURDAY...	LEINSTER BRANCH, Annual Meeting, Royal College of Physicians, Dublin, 4.30 p.m.
24 Sunday ...	
25 MONDAY ...	
26 TUESDAY ...	
27 WEDNESDAY	BATH AND BRISTOL BRANCH, Bath.
28 THURSDAY...	WANDSWORTH DIVISION, *Metropolitan Counties Branch*, Balham (Hotel), 8.45 p.m. WEST CUMBERLAND DIVISION, *Border Counties Branch*, Whitehaven, 4 p.m.
MARCH.	
1 FRIDAY ...	
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3 Sunday ...	
4 MONDAY ...	
5 TUESDAY ...	
6 WEDNESDAY	LONDON: South-Eastern Branch Council, 3.15 p.m.
7 THURSDAY...	
8 FRIDAY ...	HAMPSTEAD DIVISION, *Metropolitan Counties Branch*.
9 SATURDAY...	
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